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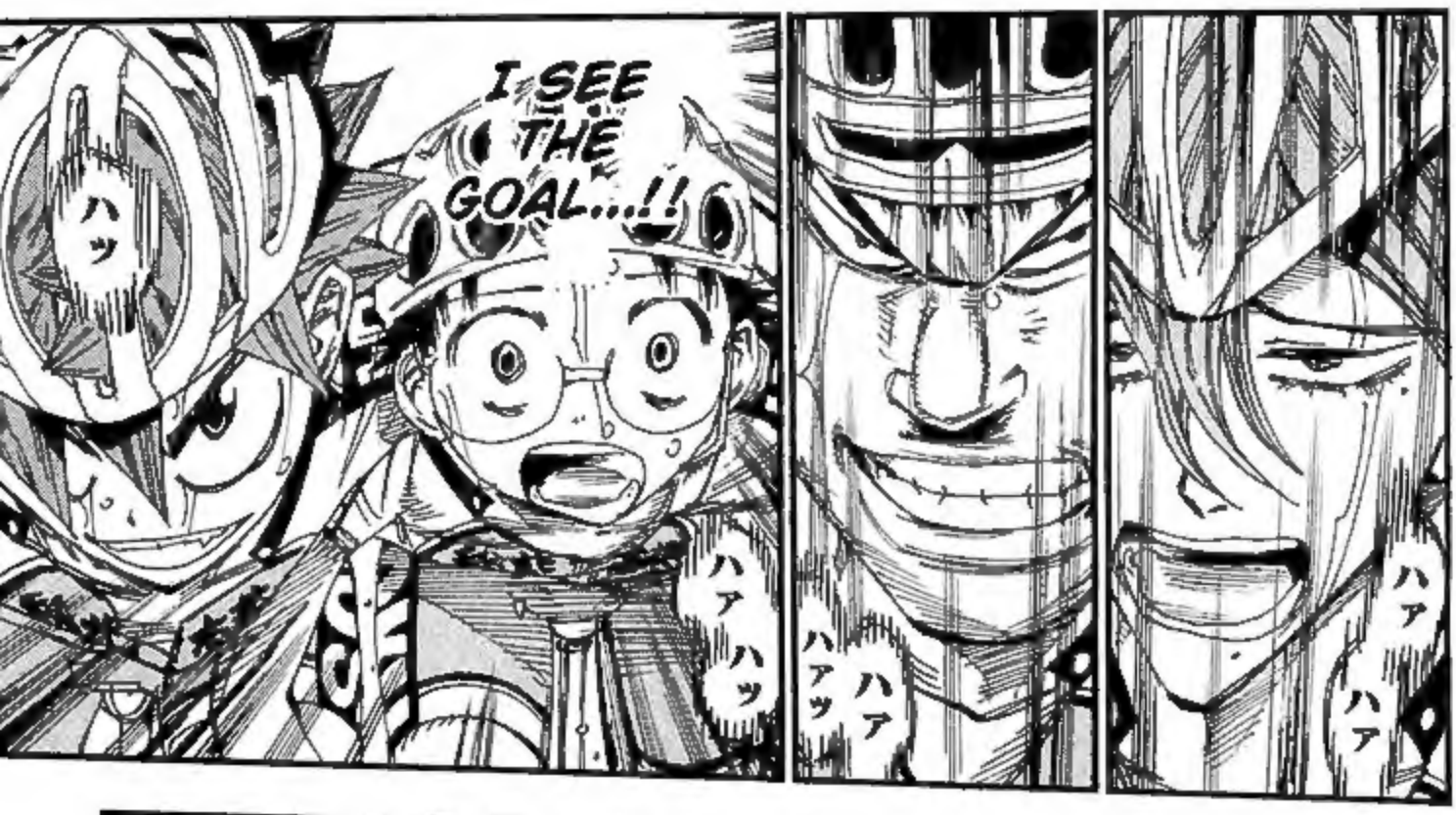
RIDE.155 SOHOKU IN SECOND PLACE



THEY HAVE NOW PASSED THROUGH THE GOAL FOR THE SECOND DAY'S SECOND STAGE
GOAL
ARE SOHOKU AND HAKOGAKU'S MEMBERS AS WELL AS TWO FROM KYOTO FUSHIMI
COMING UP AFTER THE ACES

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SOHOKU
SOHOKU
SOHOKU

WHOAAA... HOLY CRAP, THE SKY IS SPINNING. IT'S SPINNING OUTTA CONTROL.
SPIN-NING
ハア ハア
THIS IS A HELLUVA LOT WORSE THAN THE GOAL FOR THE FIRST-YEAR RACE, HONEST TO GOD.
SOHO

THE TRAINING CAMP'S... IT'S A LOT TOUGHER THAN THE TRAINING CAMP...
ハア ハア
I'M SERIOUSLY READY TO THROW UP ALL MY INSIDES! I'LL GIVE YOU A MILLION YEN, JUST DON'T EXPECT ME TO RUN FOR THE THIRD DAY RIGHT THIS MINUTE!
ハッ ハッ

SURE!! BUT
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT WE COULD CATCH UP TO HAKO-GAKU IN THE FIRST PLACE AND GIVE THEM HELL!

BUT

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU AND IMA-IZUMI-KUN...
THAT I MANAGED TO MAKE THE GOAL... THANK YOU
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ハア ハア

IF YOU DON'T GET UP FROM THERE, YOU'LL GET RUN OVER BY THE INCOMING RACERS.
WE GOTTA HEAD TO THE TENT.
COME ON, LET'S GIVE THE MUTUAL COMPLIMENTING A REST.
WAAA AAAAA AAAH,
YOU RUINED THE MOOD!
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HEY, YOU HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO TALK BACK.
HOW ARE YOU EVEN ABLE TO WALK ANYWAY, ARE YOU MADE OF IRON?! WAH, HOLD UP!
WHAT THE HECK, DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANY SYMPATHY?!
WE WERE HAVING A MOMENT JUST NOW!
THANKS.
OH, I SEE.
TESHIMA-SAN AND THE OTHERS ARE WITH KINJOU-SAN, SO SINCE I REACHED THE GOAL FIRST...
.....
GOOD WORK TODAY!
IMAI-ZUMI!
DID WE WIN THE SECOND STAGE?!
IMAI-ZUMI-KUN!
OHHH! HOTSHOT! IT'S HOT-SHOT!!
DID WE WIN ?!
HOW DID IT GO?!

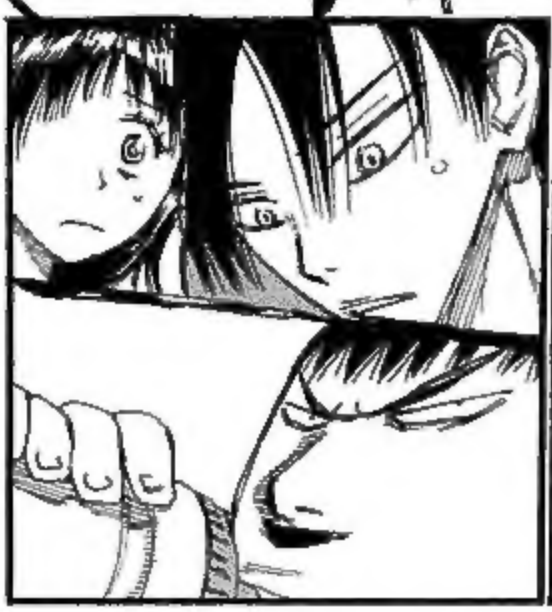
HAKO-GAKUU UUU!
IT WAS AMAZING!! LIKE, OH MY GOD!!
IT WAS BY A FEW CEN-TIMETERS! BARELY A FEW!!
THAT LAST SPURT BY FUKU-TOMI-SAN!
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT SHINKAI-SAN'S PULLING, OF COURSE!
WE MUST GIVE THANKS
I GOT GOOSE-BUMPS WATCHING THAT GOAL!
I CAN SHOW YOU THE VIDEO LATER!
HAH!! IT'S NATURAL THAT HE WON! HE'S THE ACE!!
AHAHA

I'M SORRY
MY LACKING ABILITIES AS THE ASSIST WAS WHAT--
IT WAS BY ONLY A FEW CENTIME-TERS... I...
.....
GAKU WON ...
HAKO
SHO!!
WHERE'S THE FAULT IN THAT?
HOKU
!?
... OKAY
LET'S GO
IT MEANS THAT WE'RE THERE BY ONLY A FEW CENTIMETERS TO WHERE THE KINGS HAKOGAKU REST ON THEIR LAURELS, DOESN'T IT?

WOHH!
GUH!!
URGH...
TRY PUSHING A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT.
OKAY. I'LL GO SLOWLY.
.....
GRK...
HAA...
AH, PEOPLE CAN SEE FROM OUTSIDE, SO I'LL CLOSE THESE.

A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
KIN... JOU-SAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
SUN-GLA--
ALL SIX OF US MADE IT SAFELY TO THE GOAL, I GATHER.
GOOD WORK, ALL OF YOU.
SOHOKU
YEAH
SOME-HOW
IS IT YOUR KNEE?
.....
I WENT A LITTLE OVERBOARD.
YEAH...
NO, WAIT, HOLD ON A SECOND
YEAH
WELL, YOU HURT YOUR KNEE AND YOU STILL COULDN'T GET THE RESULT.
I'M SORRY. EVEN THEN, I COULDN'T WIN THE STAGE RESULT.
WHY THE HECK ARE YOU TWO ACTING THAT WAY...
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
THAT JUST MEANS THAT TODAY WAS FUKU-TOMI'S DAY.
KIN? JOU-SAN...

DON'T YOU FEEL FRUS-TRATED?! WE LOST!!
WHY DO YOU KEEP TALKING LIKE YOU EX-PECTED US TO LOSE?!
WE WORKED AND WORKED AND WORKED OUR BUTTS OFF AND WE STILL LOST!!

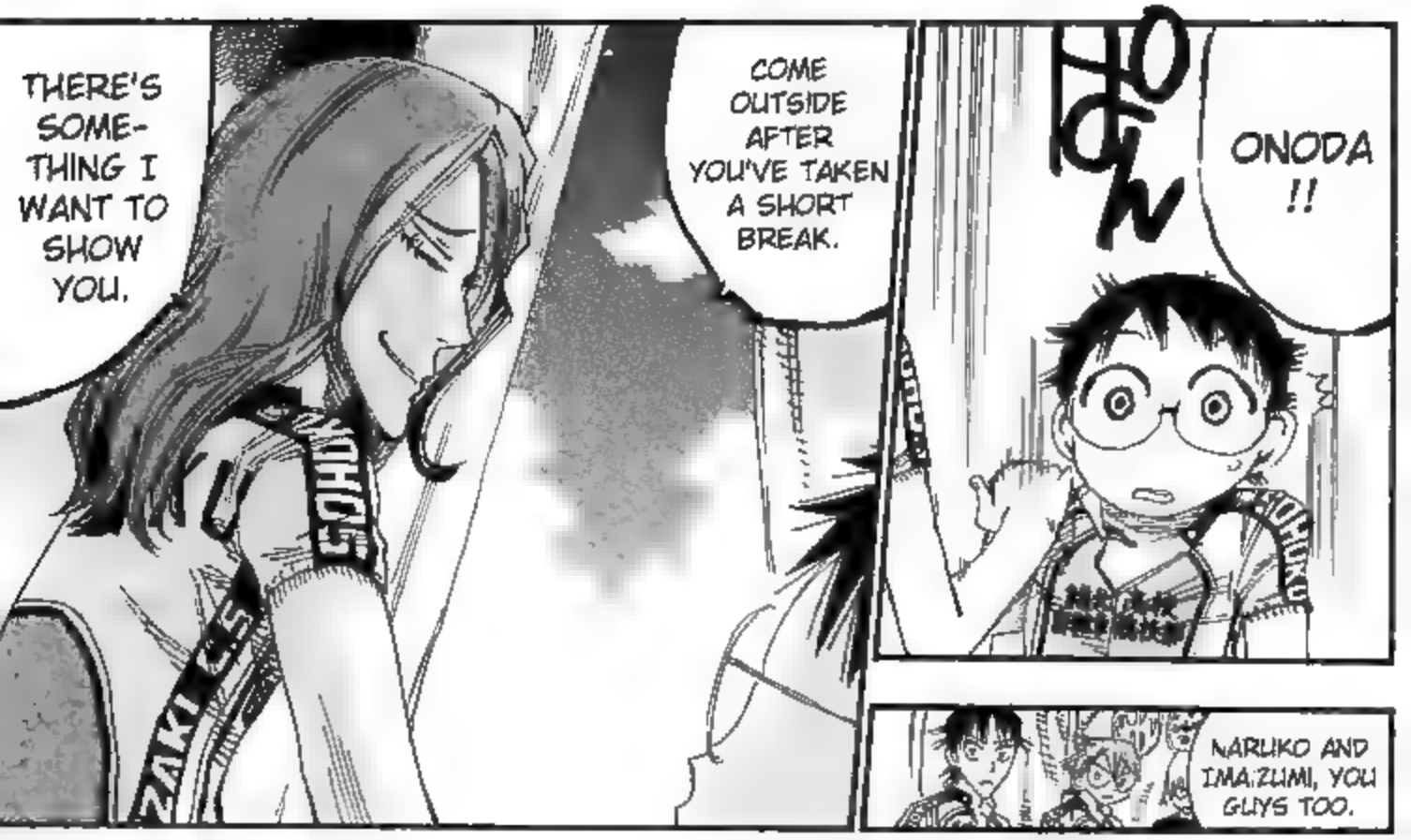


I... I FEEL FRUS-TRAT-ED...

TH... THE SIX OF US TOGETHER... ARE A TEAM, RIGHT?

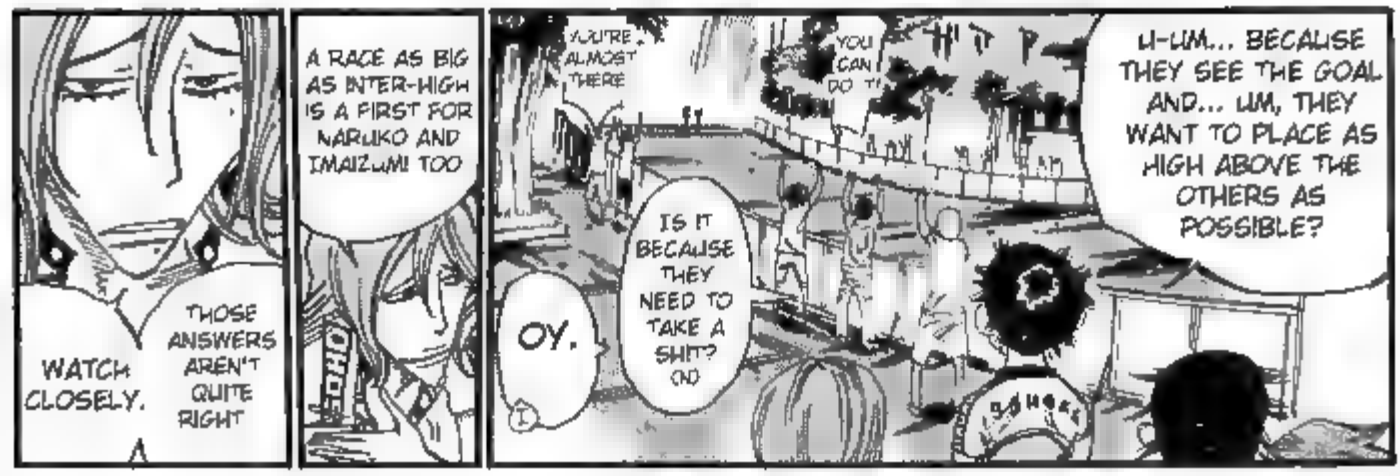
ON THE LAST DAY TOMOR-ROW...?
WILL... WILL YOU BE ABLE TO RACE...?

UH
KIN ...
UM
KIN-JOU-SAN ...


ONODA !!
COME OUTSIDE AFTER YOU'VE TAKEN A SHORT BREAK.
THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO SHOW YOU.
NARUKO AND IMAIZUMI, YOU GUYS TOO.

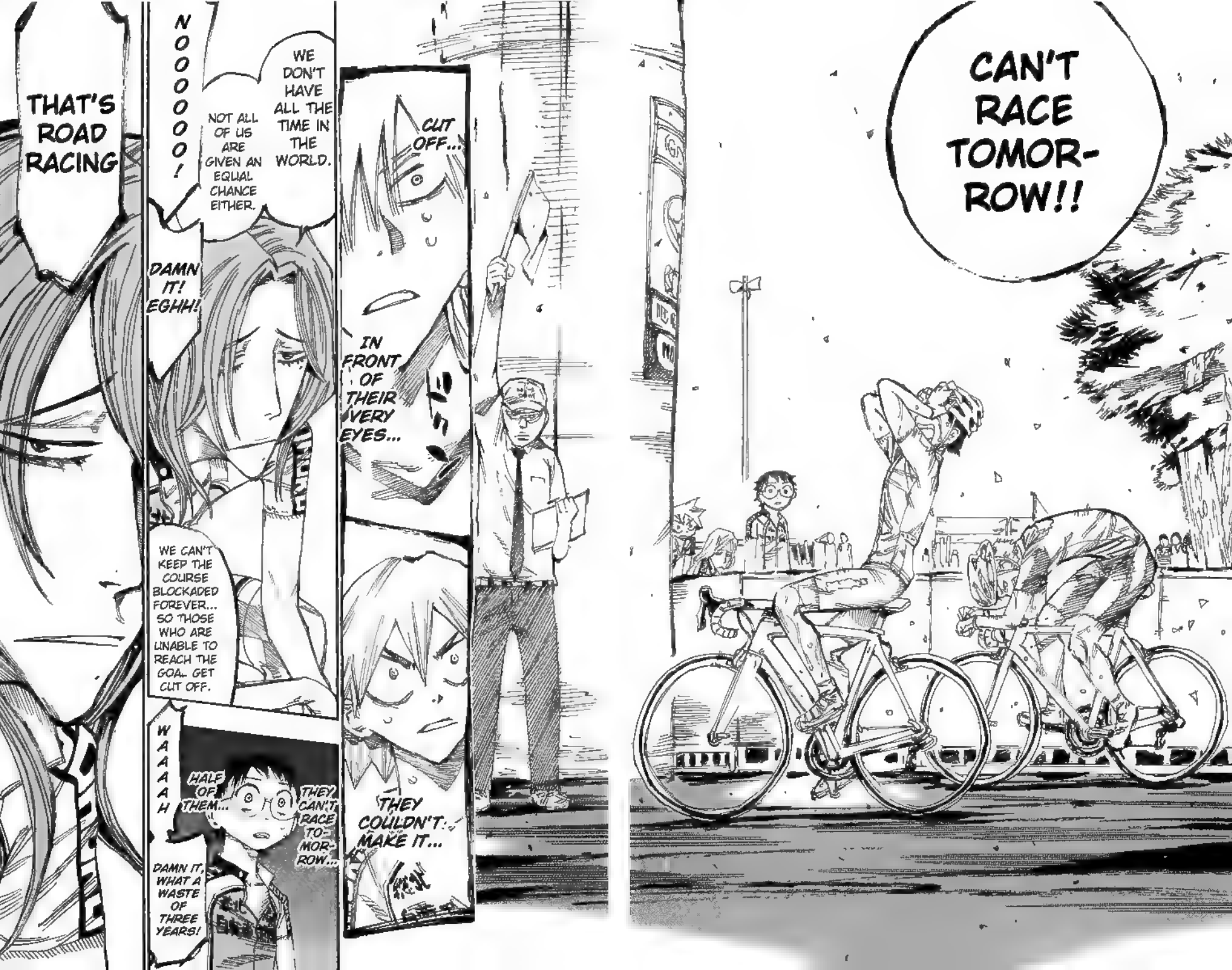
THE GOAL?
IN 46TH PLACE IS YAMAUCHI FROM HOKKAIDO OBIHIRO HIGH SCHOOL.
IN 47TH PLACE IS SHIBATA FROM KANAZAWA MISAKI

DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHY THEY'RE SO DESPERATE TO REACH THE GOAL?
WHAT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU IS THIS.
UWOOOH


WATCH CLOSELY.
THOSE ANSWERS AREN'T QUITE RIGHT
A RACE AS BIG AS INTER-HIGH IS A FIRST FOR NARUKO AND IMAIZUMI TOO
OY.
IS IT BECAUSE THEY NEED TO TAKE A SHIT? OR
U-UM... BECAUSE THEY SEE THE GOAL AND... UM, THEY WANT TO PLACE AS HIGH ABOVE THE OTHERS AS POSSIBLE?

THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY. PLEASE HEAD TO THE EVENT STAGE AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT
EH ...?
CORP-SES...?
THEIR CORPSES.
BECAUSE WHEN YOU GUYS RIDE TOMORROW, YOU WILL BE WALKING ON

IT'S OKAY... THE RACE IS OVER.
EH?!
THERE'S ONLY AROUND FIFTY OF US WHO HAVE REACHED THE GOAL SO FAR.
THERE'S STILL HALF REMAINING.
IS IT SOME KIND OF A MIS-TAKE?
THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS A BIT EARLY.
AS I SAID BEFORE, ROAD RACING IS A HARSH TEST OF SURVIVAL.
"WEEDING OUT THE WEAK"... "TIME OUT"...
THOSE WHO DON'T MAKE THE GOAL WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME
!!
HOLD ON
HEY
IT'S NOW EXACTLY FORTY MINUTES SINCE KINJOU AND THE OTHERS AT THE TOP CROSSED THE GOAL...


THAT'S ROAD RACING
NOOOOOOO!
WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.
NOT ALL OF US ARE GIVEN AN EQUAL CHANCE EITHER.
DAMN IT! EGHH!
WE CAN'T KEEP THE COURSE BLOCKADED FOREVER... SO THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO REACH THE GOAL GET CUT OFF.
CUT OFF...
IN FRONT OF THEIR VERY EYES...
THEY COULDN'T MAKE IT...
WAAAAAH
HALF OF THEM...
THEY CAN'T RACE TOMORROW...
DAMN IT, WHAT A WASTE OF THREE YEARS!
CAN'T RACE TOMORROW!!

HE KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE!!
IN SECOND PLACE, REGRETFULLY LOSING THE GOAL BY A SLIM MARGIN, IS SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL'S THIRD-YEAR, KINJOU SHINGO!
OOOOOOOOOH
KINGSSS!!
HAKOGAKUH!!
SOHOKU
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THE WINNER OF THE SECOND DAY'S SECOND STAGE IS THE OVERALL FAVORITE, HAKONE ACADEMY'S BIB NUMBER #1, THIRD-YEAR FUKUTOMI JUICHI!
I AM FRUSTRATED. ENOUGH TO WANT TO CLAW AT MY NECK AND WRITHE AROUND ON THE GROUND
IT WAS JUST A FEW CENTIMETERS DIFFERENCE.
YOU ASKED IF WE DIDN'T FEEL FRUSTRATED, NARUKO.
SOHOKU
SHIMANO
IT'S ON THE ROAD WHERE I'LL LET IT ALL EXPLODE!!
BUT I'M GOING TO PUT THAT AWAY AS MY SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR TOMORROW.
EVEN IF I LET IT ALL OUT NOW, IT'LL JUST BRING ME DOWN!!
YOU ASKED KINJOU IF HE WOULD RACE TOMORROW ONODA.
HE WILL. OF COURSE HE WILL.
ONCE THE RACE BEGINS, DON'T LET EVEN A SECOND GO TO WASTE. DON'T LET ANY OPPORTUNITY GO BY.
BE PREPARED TO STEP ON CORPSES.

BE PRE-PARED ...!!
SHIMANO

AND MAKE THE DECI-SION TO RIDE !!

THROUGH OUR OWN HANDS

YOU WANT US TO RETURN THE FAVOR TO-MOR-ROW, IS THAT IT!

YEAH, GOOD JOB FOR SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT USED TO DOING
KWAH!
MAN, THOSE FIRST-YEARS, NEEDING TO BE LOOKED AFTER
HERE, BOTTLE. WANT A DRINK?
THAT RACE WAS SO BOTHER-SOME, I THOUGHT MY ARMS AND LEGS WOULD FALL OFF
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ハア
YOU TOO, HUH?
GA HA HA!
NO... THANKS I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT TO EVEN LIFT MY ARM.

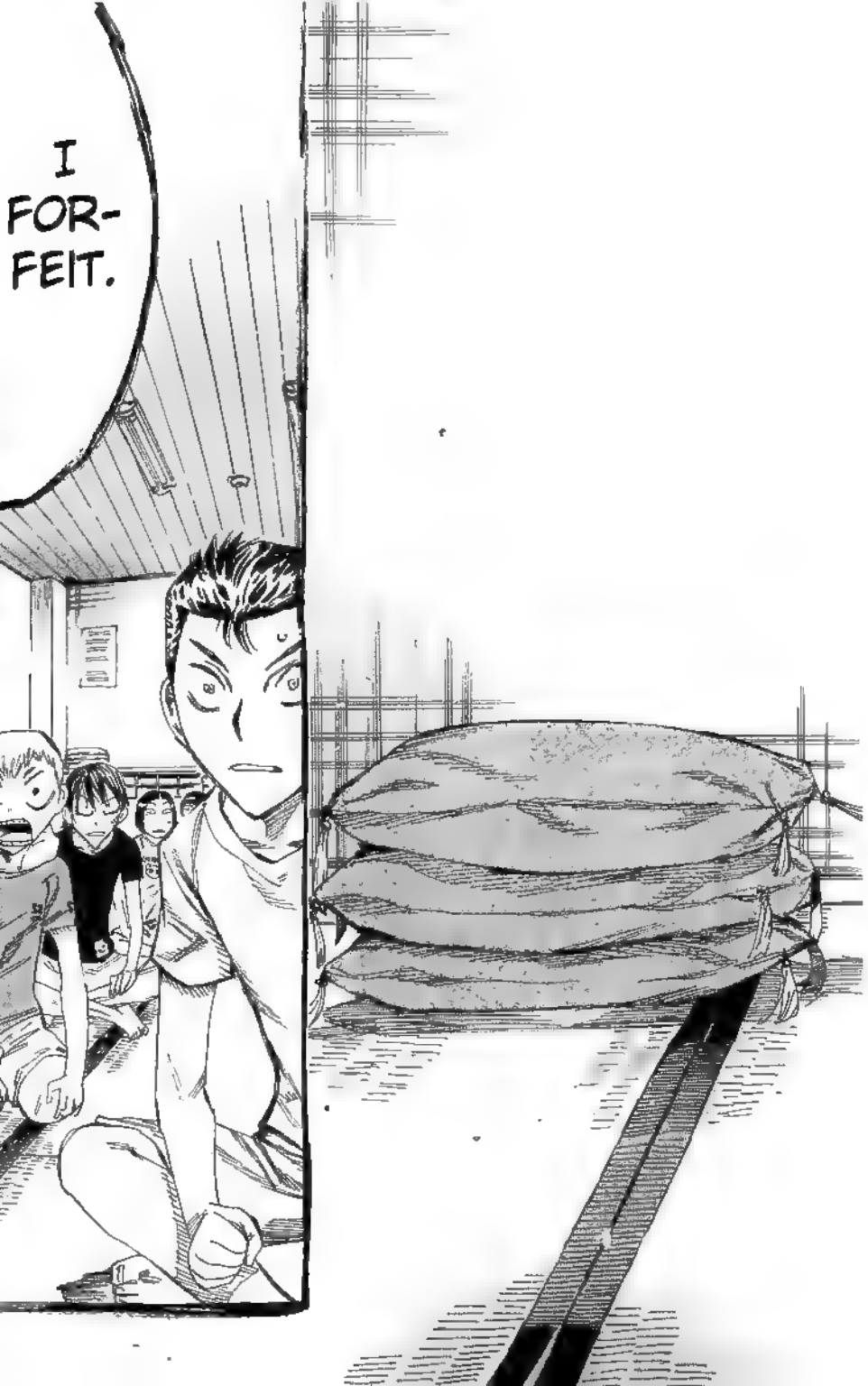
MIND IF I TAKE A PHOTO?
HI THERE, KINJOU-KUN, I'M FROM CYCLE TIME...

EVEN IF, IN THE WORST CASE POS-SIBLE
I WILL RACE TOMOR-ROW, NO MATTER WHAT!

BEING UNABLE TO RIDE AS THE TEAM'S ACE TOMORROW
IT MEANS
SUHONDO

RIDE.156 MIDOUSUJI'S DECISION

*IN JSE: KYOTO FUSHIMI HIGH SCHOOL ROAD RACING CLUB



RIDE.156 MIDOUSUJI'S DECISION

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WHA...
I DON'T WANT THEM.
YOU GET TO WEAR THESE TOMOR-ROW AND--
LOOK, IT'S THE RED AND GREEN BIB NUMBERS YOU GOT TODAY!
TSUJI ACCEPTED THEM FOR YOU IN YOUR PLACE
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W-WHAT'S WRONG, MIDOUSUJI? YOU SEEMED TOO ILL TO JOIN THE AWARDS CEREMONY, BUT YOU LOOK LOADS BETTER NOW!
YOU CAN THROW THOSE BIBS AWAY, I DON'T CARE.
I'M NOT RACING
THIS IS THE POSITION WE ALL GRABBED TOGETHER !!
I-IT'S THE LAST STAGE OF INTER-HIGH!!
MI-DOU-SUJI!!
PRACTICE EVERY DAY WAS HARD, BUT WE ALL CAME TOGETHER AND NOW WE'VE COME SO FAR!

PLEASE ...!!
.....
.....
KYOTO FUSHIMI IS A TEAM THAT YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER, WITH YOURSELF AT ITS CENTER.
WON'T YOU RIDE WITH US?!
I GAVE IT MY ALL.
I'M BEGGING YOU!! DO IT FOR THE TEAM!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE IN THE RACE!!
YOU BROUGHT THIS TEAM GOOD RESULTS.
WE NEED YOU.
HAVE A REASON TO RIDE TOMORROW ANYMORE.
I DON'T
I USED UP EVERYTHING THAT I HAD. EVEN THEN, I COULDN'T WIN.
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, THE TEAM WILL LOSE ITS LEAD. THIS IS HOW I GENUINELY FEEL!!

SORRY, BUT I'M LEAVING KYOTO FUSHIMI'S ROAD RACING CLUB
AS OF TODAY.
.....
HE...
HA HA
HE WILL COME BACK, WON'T HE? MIDOU-SUJI-KUN...

ALL THE WAY TO KYOTO...
HE SAID... THAT HE WAS GOING TO RIDE FROM HERE...
THINGS JUST DIDN'T GO HIS WAY FOR A BIT, THAT'S ALL. RIGHT?
HA HA HA!
HE MUTTERED SOMETHING... RIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT.
AFTER HE TAKES A NIGHT RIDE, HE'LL CALM DOWN AND COME BACK!
I WAS...
SPEAKING THE TRUTH...!!
MI-DOU-SU-JI...
EH, SERIOUSLY?!
.....
HE WOULD ACTUALLY DO IT, TOO... SO I DIDN'T MISHEAR HIM...
LEAVING THE CLUB...
AND WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU'D PLACED THIRD
WHEN YOU HELPED ME
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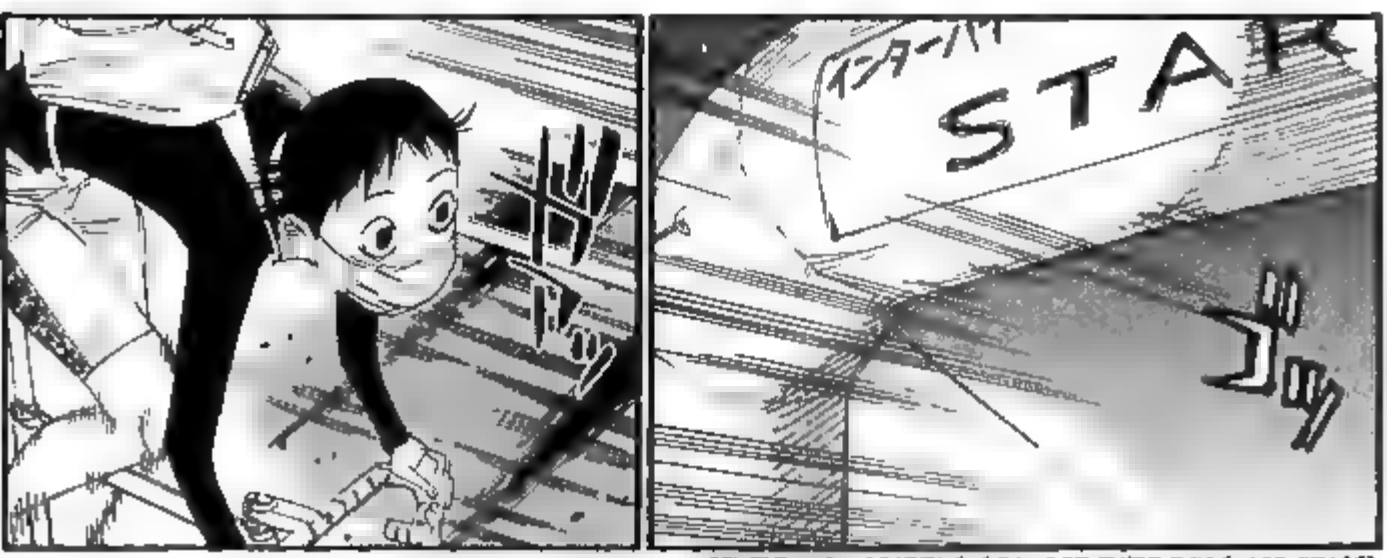
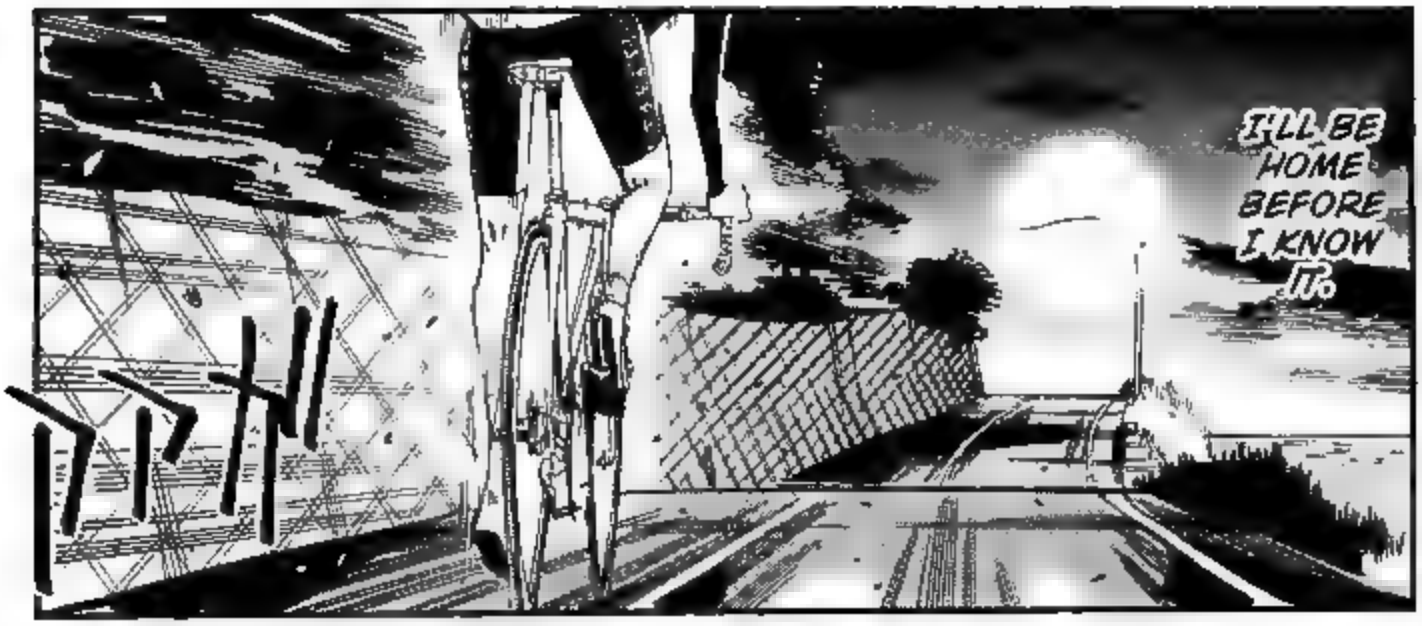
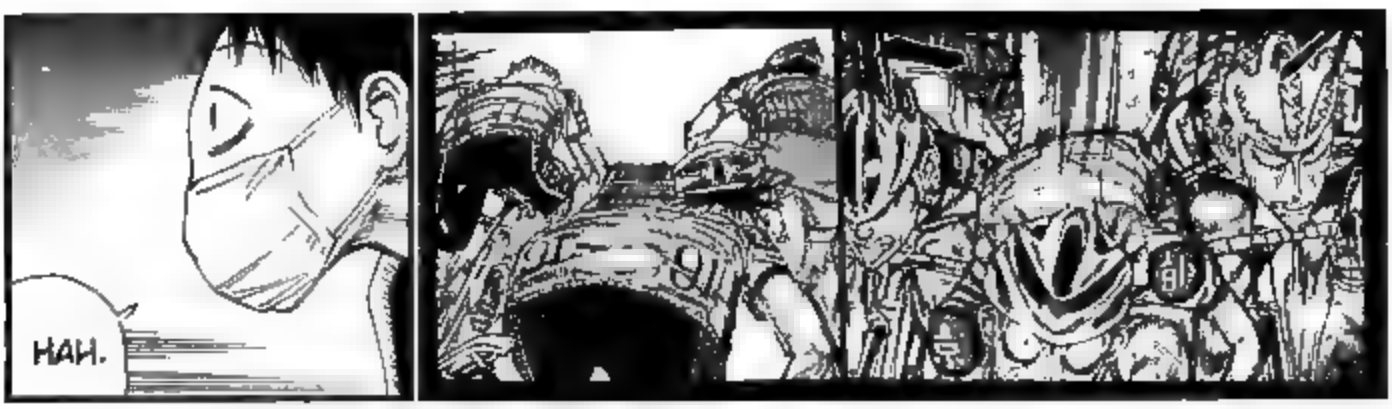
I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS THE BEST TEAM THERE EVER WAS, MIDOUSUJI...!!
I TRULY THOUGHT FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART
THAT THIS WAS A GOOD TEAM

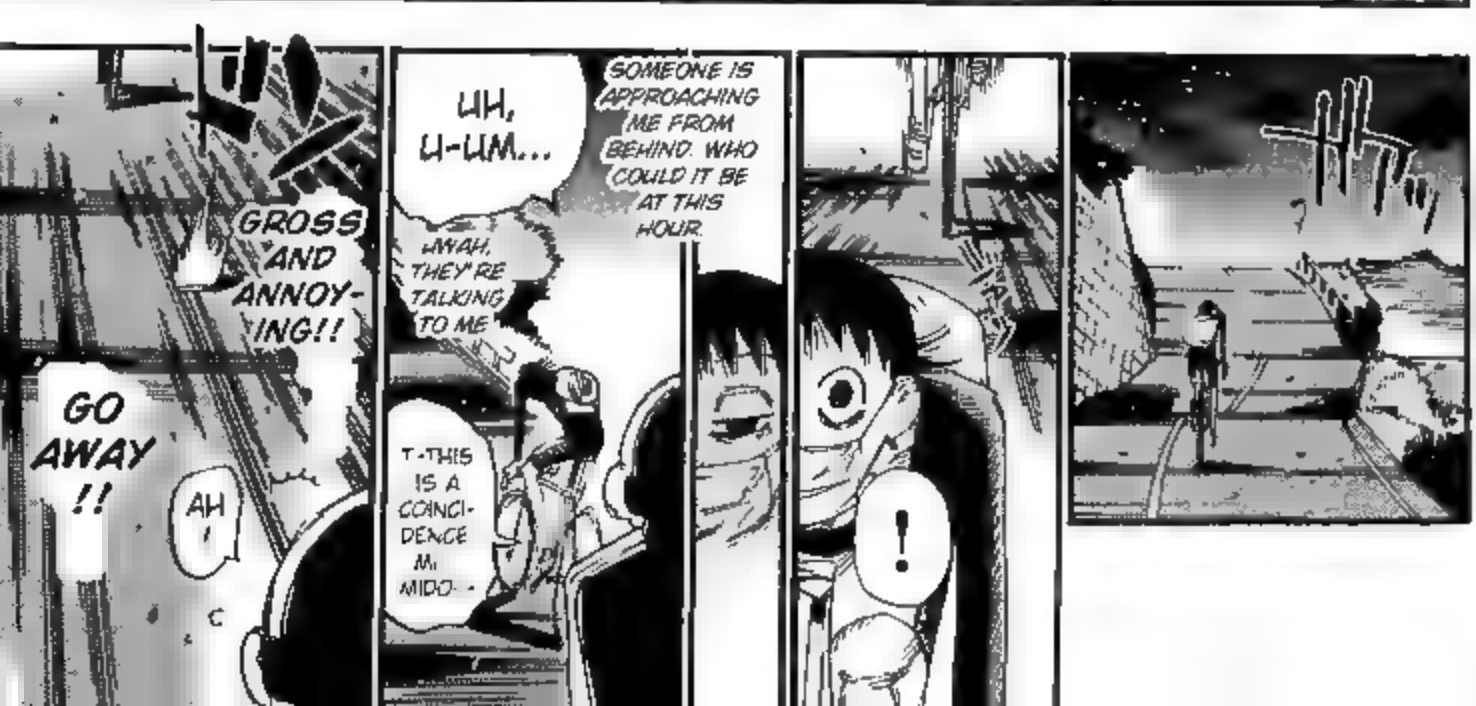


*INTER-HIGH STARTING GOAL FOR THIRD DAY (LAST STAGE)


I'LL BE HOME BEFORE I KNOW IT.


HAH.

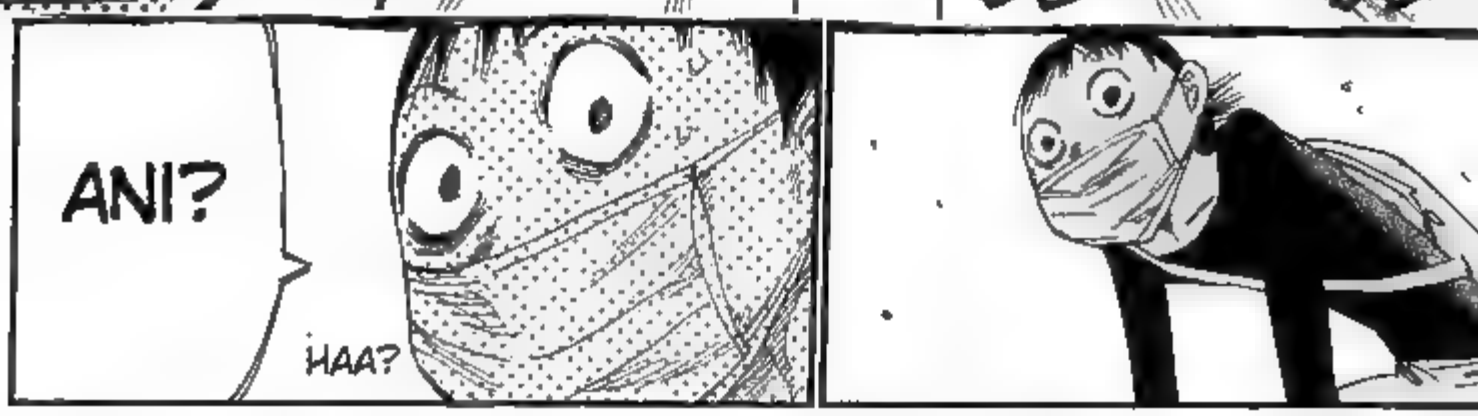
THIS INTER-HIGH.
IT WAS A RACE THAT DIDN'T LEAVE EVEN A TRACE OF ANYTHING IN ME


GROSS AND ANNOY-ING!!
GO AWAY!!
AH!
UH, U-UM...
UWAH, THEY'RE TALKING TO ME
SOMEONE IS APPROACHING ME FROM BEHIND. WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS HOUR.
T-THIS IS A COINCI-DENCE M, MIDO-
!

!
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN, ARE YOU OUT SHOPPING TOO?!
U-UM, AH, MI--

HE'S FROM CHIBA...
FROM SOHOKU... THE ANNOYING NON-STANDARD MODEL FOUR-EYES!!
THIS GUY
HE CAUGHT UP WITH ME ON AN UPHILL?
WHEN I TALKED TO THE PEOPLE AT THE INN, THEY SAID THE ONLY PLACE IS THIS HUGE PHARMACY THAT'S AHEAD OF THE NATIONAL ROUTE ON THIS MOUNTAIN SO I WENT BY BIKE..
ARSKED BY KIN... BY MY CAPTAIN TO GET MORE TAPES AND SPRAYS!
I WAS
AH... U-UM, UH...
ARS KED ?
SO I...
WITHOUT SAYING SOME-THING
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE RUDE TO PASS BY
.....
*SILENCE
.....

CA-
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
MI... MIDOU-SUJI-KUN... UM...
NO. STOP TALKING TO ME.
OR MAYBE EVEN "WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE AWARDS CER-EMONY"?
.....
WHAT IS THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT?
IS IT "WHY ARE YOU WEARING A MASK"?
OR "WHAT'S YOUR SECRET TO RIDING SO FAST"!?
REALLY, REALLY WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR A WHILE, AH...
I JUST TOLD YOU TO STOP TALKING TO ME!!
TH... THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I...
ANNOYING!!
GROSS!!
GROSS!!
GROSS!!
YOU...



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THAT MAKES YOU THE CRIMSON COMMAND ROBOT!!
AND SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE ORGANIZING THEM, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN...
I THINK ZAKU IS WONDERFUL!! THE BOTTOM OF THE ARMY!! FOR A STANDARD MODEL, IT HAS BOTH FUNCTIONAL BEAUTY AND STRENGTH!! ISN'T THAT AMAZING?!

**"ZAKU" S THE ZAKU MOBILE SUIT IN MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM. THE "CRIMSON COMMAND ROBOT" IS CHAR'S ZAKU.

AH!
!
S-SOR-RY..
A..ANYONE WOULD KNOW WHAT ZAKU IS, AT LEAST... I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF.. UM...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT... JUST IGNORE ME
I JUST THOUGHT THAT MAYBE THAT WAS THE CASE...
THAT... WAS ALL YOU WANTED TO ASK ME?
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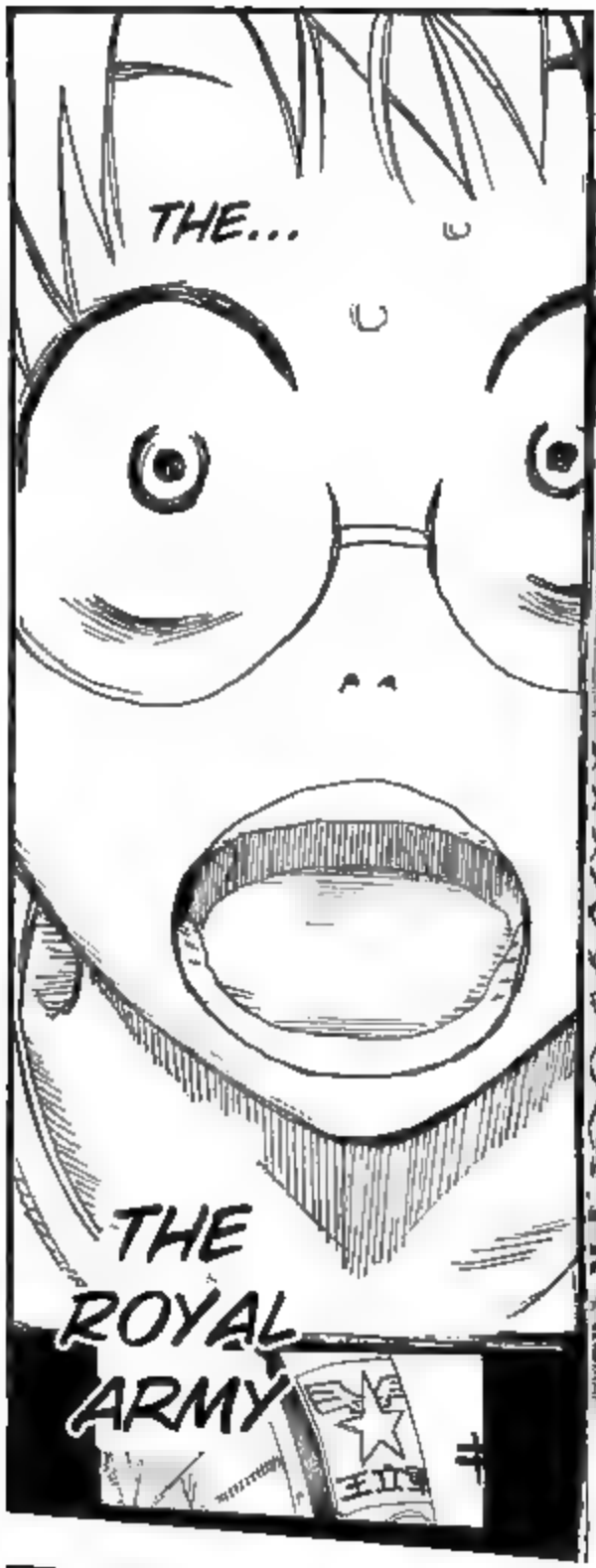
GROSS...
IF YOU'RE GONNA COMPARE ME TO CRIMSON, I WOULD BE..
"THE ROYAL ARMY'S"



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W-WHY DON'T WE RIDE TOGETHER TO THE PHARMACY?! THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT!
NO.
AT THE TOP OF THAT MOUN-TAIN--
MI... MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!

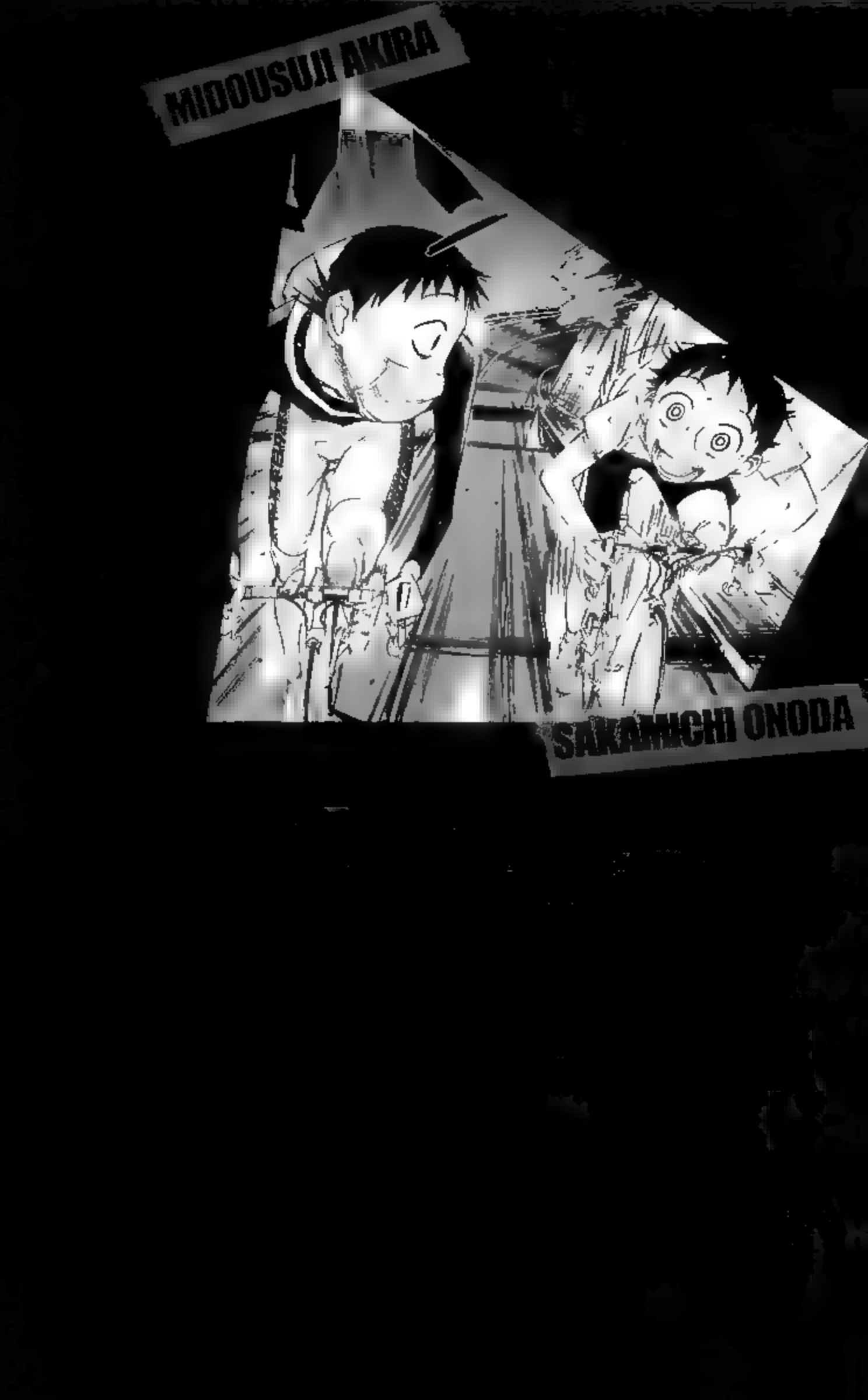
GO AHEAD OF ME.
OTHER-WISE, I WILL
I'M NOT RIDING WITH YOU.
THERE'S NO POINT FLOCKING TO-GETHER.
I MUST BE TIRED FROM THE RACE.
"THE ROYAL ARMY"... WHY DID I EVEN BRING THAT UP?

AND MAKE A ROUND TRIP OF 90KM BY BIKE EVERY WEEK!!
I'D COLLECT CDS AND FIGURES AND BOOKS
I WOULD ALWAYS GO BY MYSELF
TO AKIBA
I WON'T BE IN THE RACE TOMORROW.
I NEVER HAD ANYONE TO TALK ANIME WITH
I WAS ALWAYS ALONE AND...
DURING SUMMER VACA-TION
THIS IS STUPID.

I WENT THERE EVERY DAY!!
EVERY DAY...
WITHOUT FAIL...
IN THE SUMMER...
WITHOUT FAIL

I'LL DO IT.
IF YOU WANT TO RACE ME THAT BADLY THEN
WHOEVER REACHES THE PHARMACY FIRST WINS.. IF YOU WIN...
EH?! RACE?!
THEN WE CAN TALK ABOUT AS MUCH ANIME AS YOU WANT.

RIDE.157 THE 3KM TO THE PHARMACY


MIDOUSUJI AKIRA
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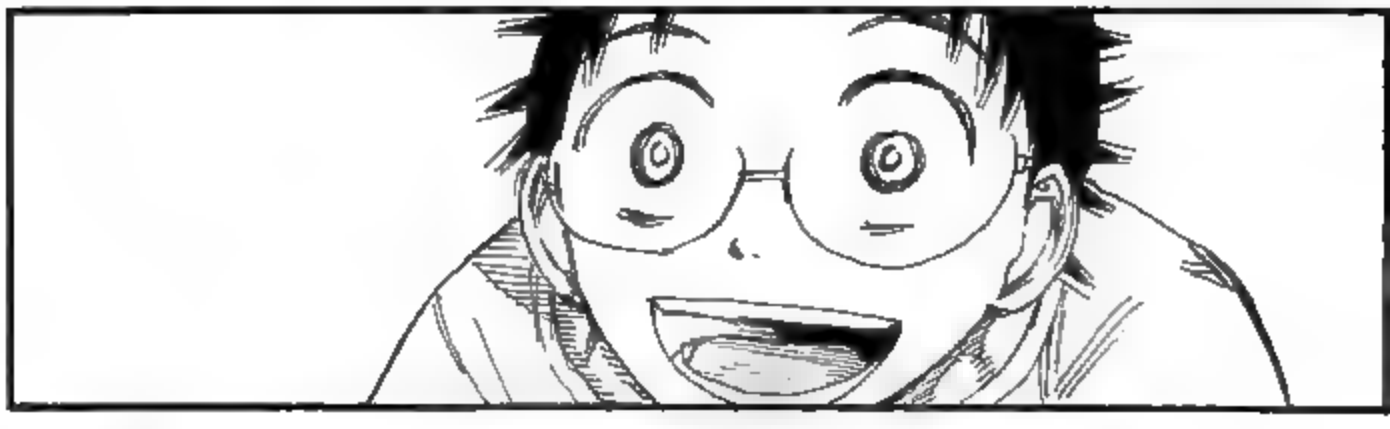
THEN WE CAN TALK ABOUT AS MUCH ANIME AS YOU WANT.



OKAY !!

AND THEN KEEP GOING

I'LL DROP HIM AT THE NEXT CURVE

THAT'S ONLY IF YOU'RE ABLE TO.
WELL

ALL THE WAY BACK TO KYOT--

!?
HE KEEPS COMING!!
EVEN WHEN I SPEED UP, HE LATCHES ON!!
WHAT'S EVEN MORE GROSS IS...

HE'S SMIL-ING!!
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AAAAAAAAAH
NO
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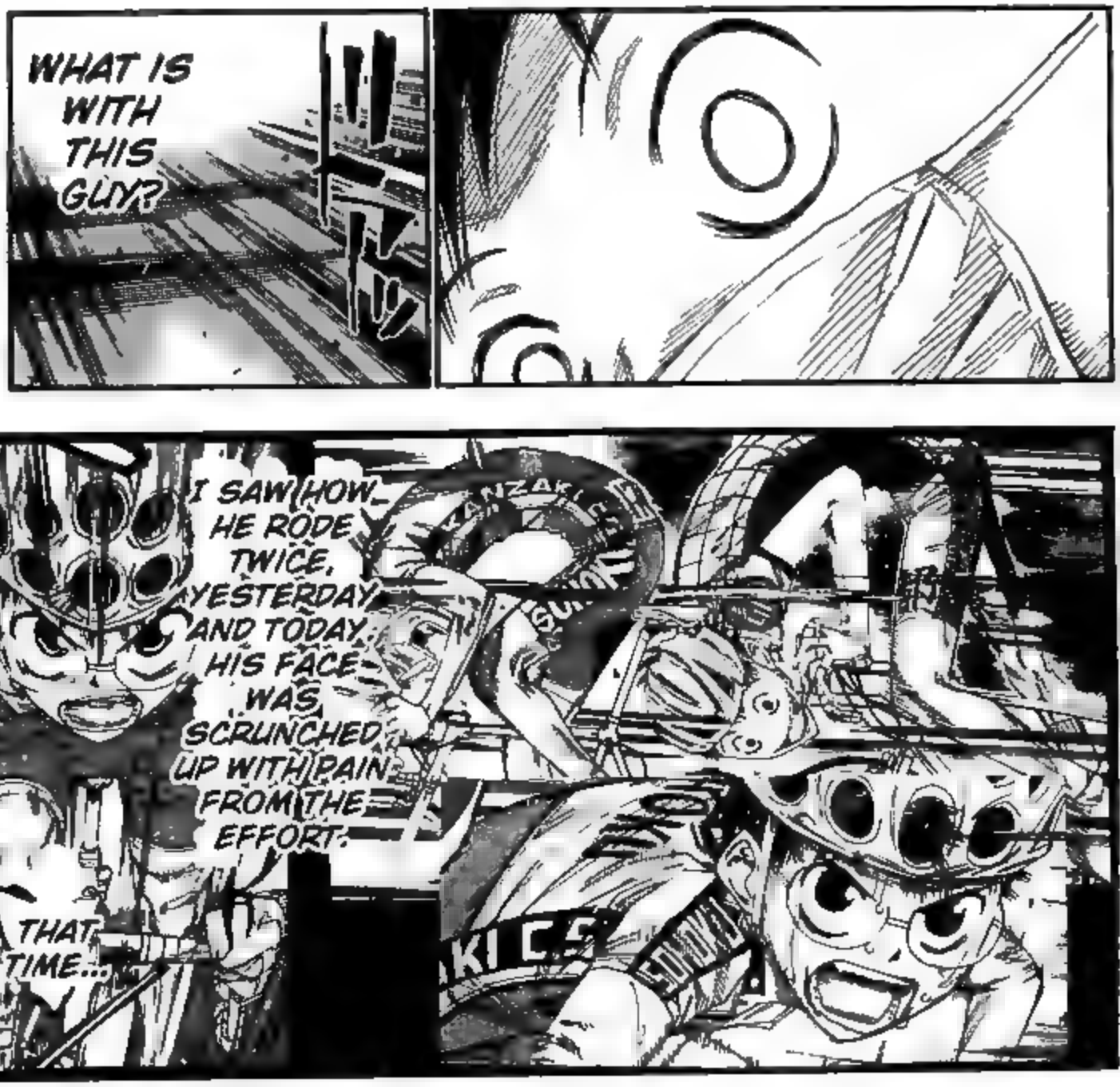
WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?
I SAW HOW HE RODE TWICE, YESTERDAY AND TODAY. HIS FACE WAS SCRUNCHED UP WITH PAIN FROM THE EFFORT.
THAT TIME...
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN RIDING AT HIS FULLEST!!

SO WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?
AAAAH

GROSSSS!!
GROSS!!
GROSS!!
AH, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
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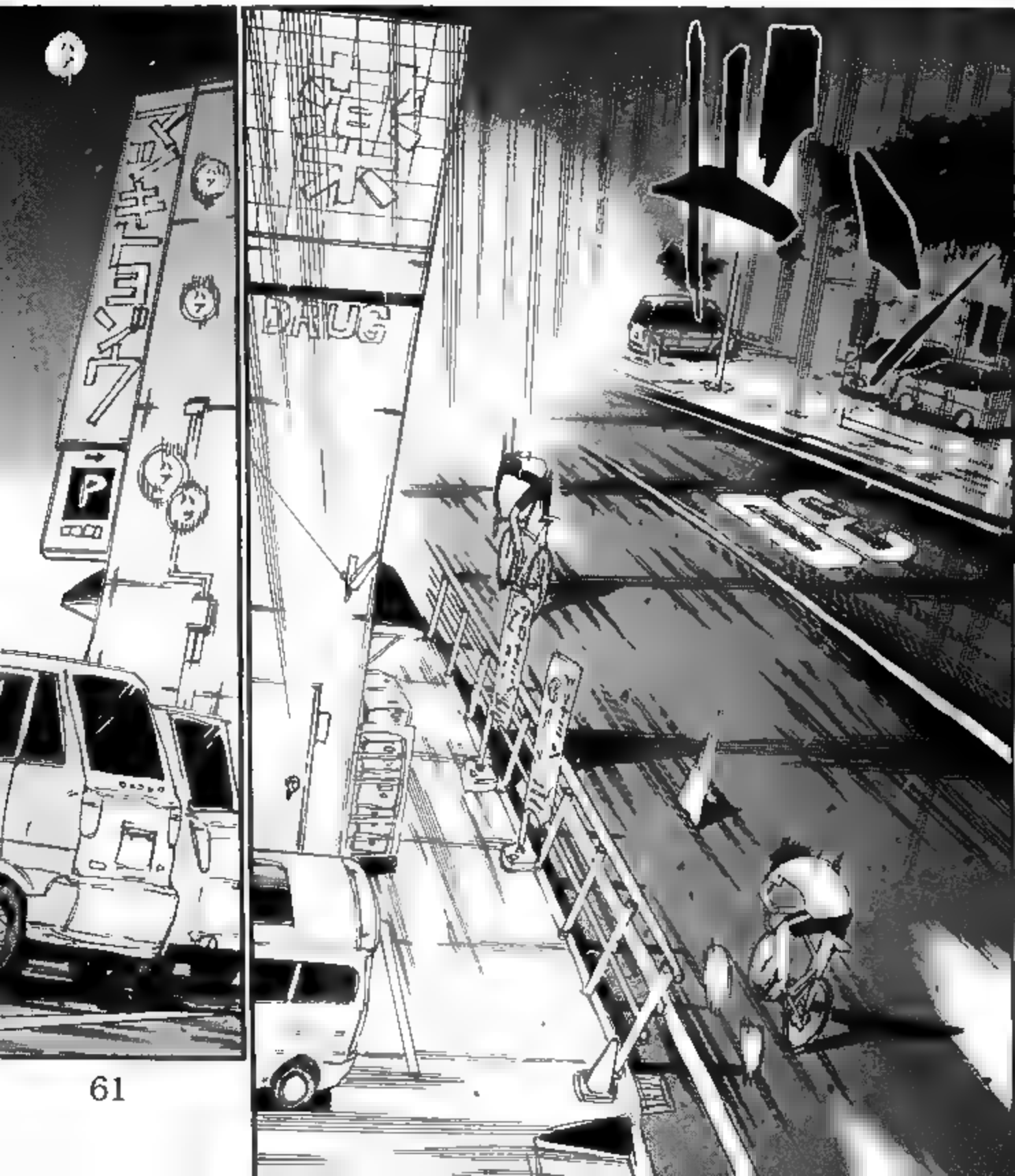
I WAS ON MY WAY BACK TO KYOTO RIGHT NOW. MY RACE IS OVER. SO WHY...
YOU'RE SO FAST, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!

HIS SPEED IS MUCH MORE DEV-ASTATING WHEN HE'S SMILING!!

"BY MYSELF"?
"EVERY DAY"?
WHAT IS IT
BY MY-SELF
TO AK-BA
I WENT THERE EVERY DAY WITH-OUT FAIL
WHY DID I BLURT OUT THAT I WOULD RACE HIM?
WHAT IS IT THAT I WANT TO ACCOM-PLISH?
WHY AM I RACING WITH THIS?

THAT I AM TRYING TO PROVE?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BUT I REALLY... UM...
Y... YOU'RE SO FAST...
YOU, YOU EVEN HAVE A BAG ON...
EVEN F I WASN'T TIRED FROM TODAY'S RACE...
I STILL WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT UP
JUST ONE THING
I'M REALLY SAD ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE ROYAL ARMY OR ANIME..
AAH OR MOGU-RIN.
OR LOVE★HIME
JUST NOW YOU WERE SMILING WHILE WE WERE RACING
AH... YES, WHAT IS IT?
I WAS WRONG
WAS IT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO WIN AND TALK ABOUT ANIME?
THAT I WANT TO ASK YOU
ABOUT ANIME ?!
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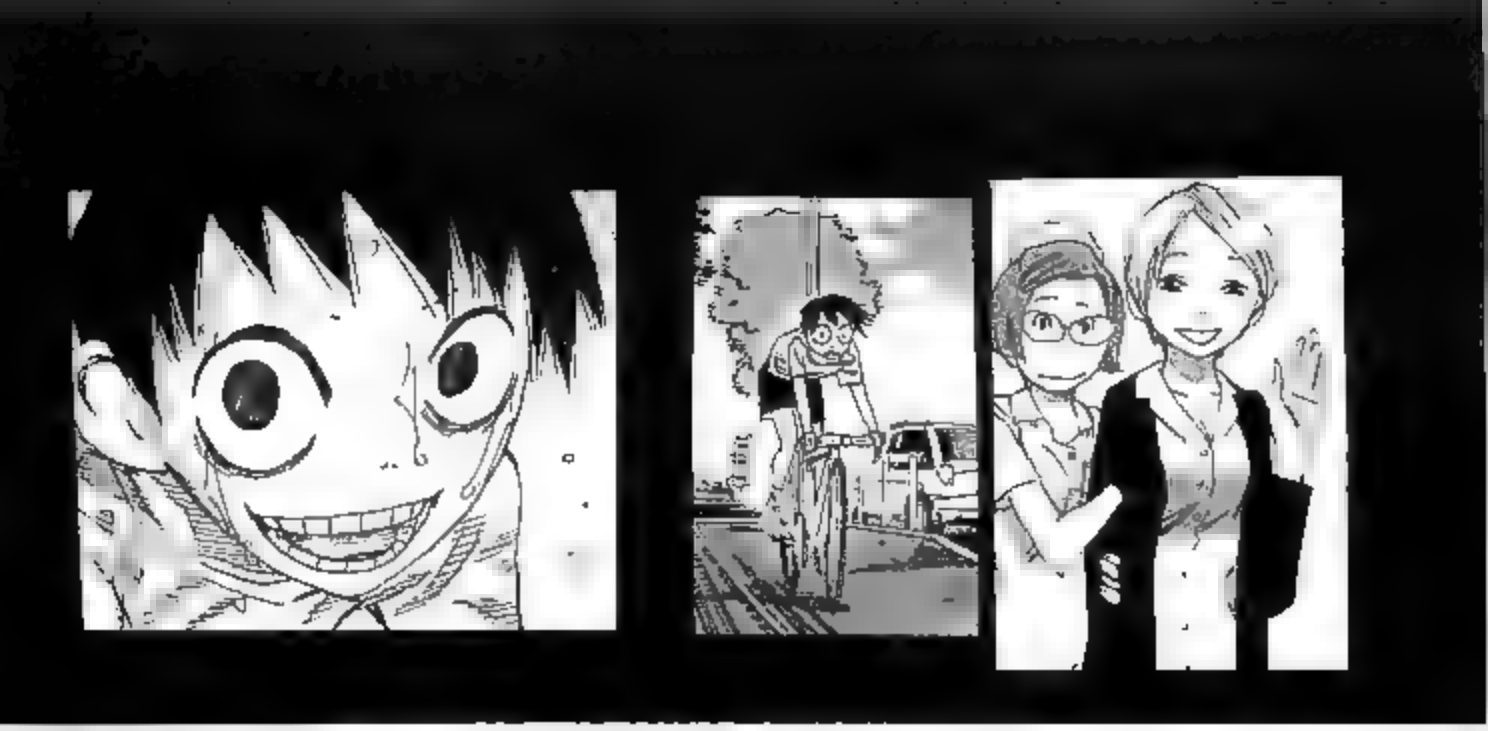
I'M ASKING PURELY OUT OF INTEREST.
NO...
I'M SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE ACTED MORE SERIOUSLY SINCE IT WAS A RACE!
EH, I-I'M SORRY, DID THAT DISTRACT YOU?!
EH... WELL, I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING ABOUT ANIME..
KYO-KYOTO FUSHIMI SEEMS LIKE A TEAM WHO TAKES RACING SERIOUSLY, AFTER ALL!
BEST BOY
WHEN I'M RIDING MY BIKE... ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M RIDING WITH SOMEONE ELSE
BUT... HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS? IT JUST HAPPENS.
BEST BOY
I ENJOY MYSELF SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE

"WHEN I'M RIDING MY BIKE"
AH, B-BUT I DO TAKE RIDING VERY SERI-OUSLY WHEN IT'S A RACE!
OH, BUT I DID RATHER ENJOY SINGING WITH TADO-KORO-SAN AT THE END TODAY
HAA?
"I EN-JOY MY-SELF"?
NO, I MEAN, I'M ALWAYS VERY SERI-OUS!!
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES FOR YOU TO SMILE? THAT'S SO SIMPLE-MINDED.
GROSS...!!
YOU'RE REALLY GROSS.
DOHYAAAA?!

IS. IS THAT SO. I KNEW IT

AKIRA-KUN, YOU SMILE SO MUCH NOW THAT YOU'RE RIDING BICYCLES.



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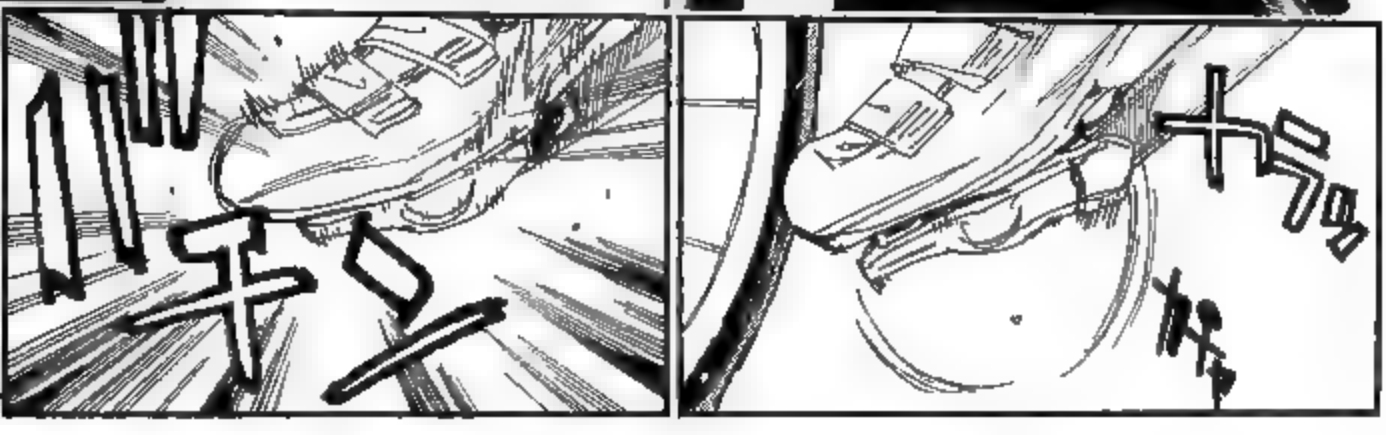

T-TOMOR-ROW, MI--
SINCE IT'S THE LAST DAY
UM, LET'S DO OUR BE... ST?
HUH?

HEYYY, MI...
HUH ?!
WAS HE NOT ON HIS WAY HERE TO GO SHOPPING?

Kanagawa (Hakone Academy)
WE'RE MISSING A BIKE.
YES. AND I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF MAINTENANCE ON IT TOO
I HAVE TO SAY, I'M IMPRESSED HE SHOULD BE TIRED OUT FROM THE LONG STAGE HE RAN TODAY FOR THE SECOND DAY
WELL YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM.
HE KEPT INSISTING THAT HE WANTED TO GO TRAIN AND WOULDN'T CHANGE HIS MIND
SHIMANO
HE'S UNABLE TO CONTAIN HIMSELF.
AFTER ALL, ON THE THIRD DAY TOMORROW...

THE BIGGEST CLIMB OF INTER-HIGH IS WAITING!!
I SHOULDN'T ..
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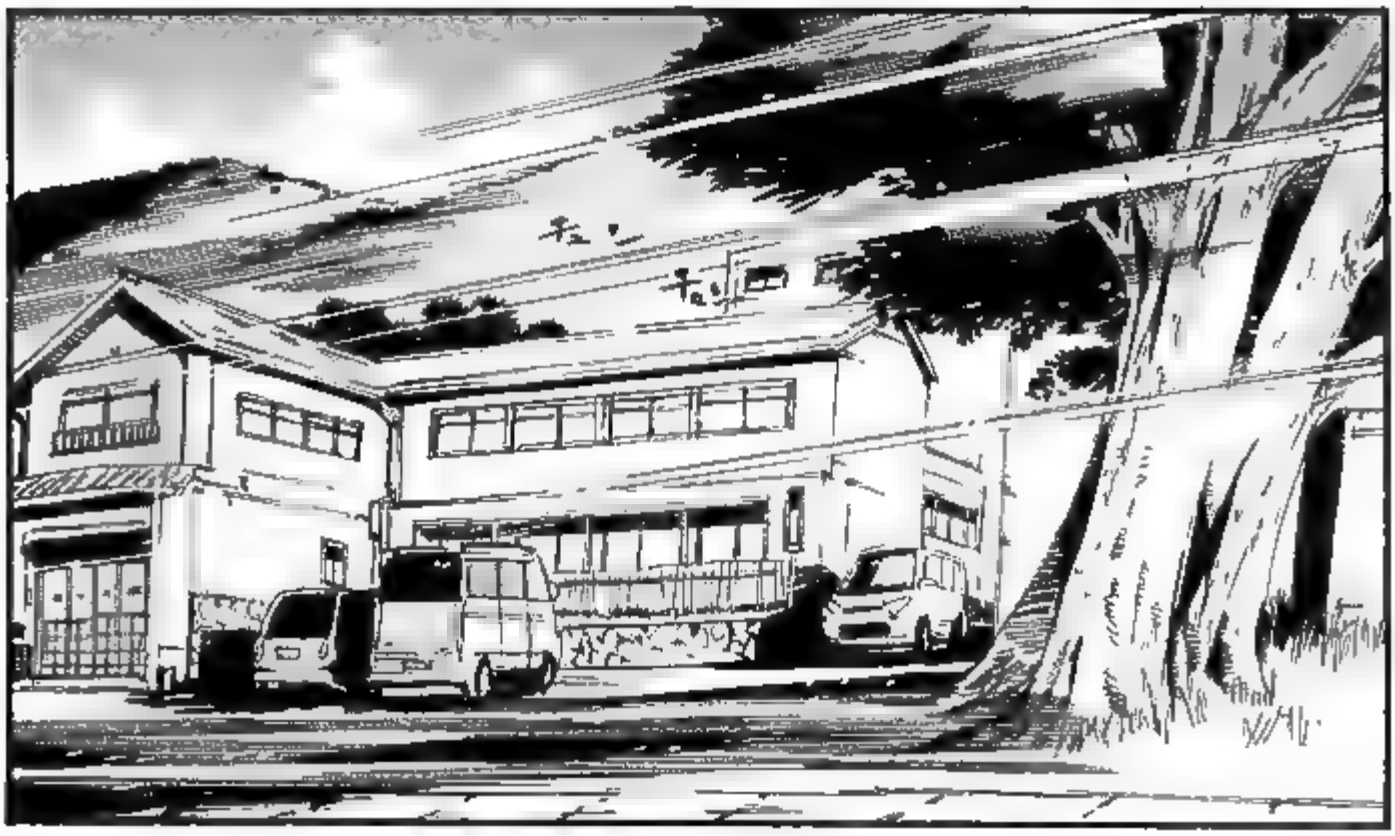
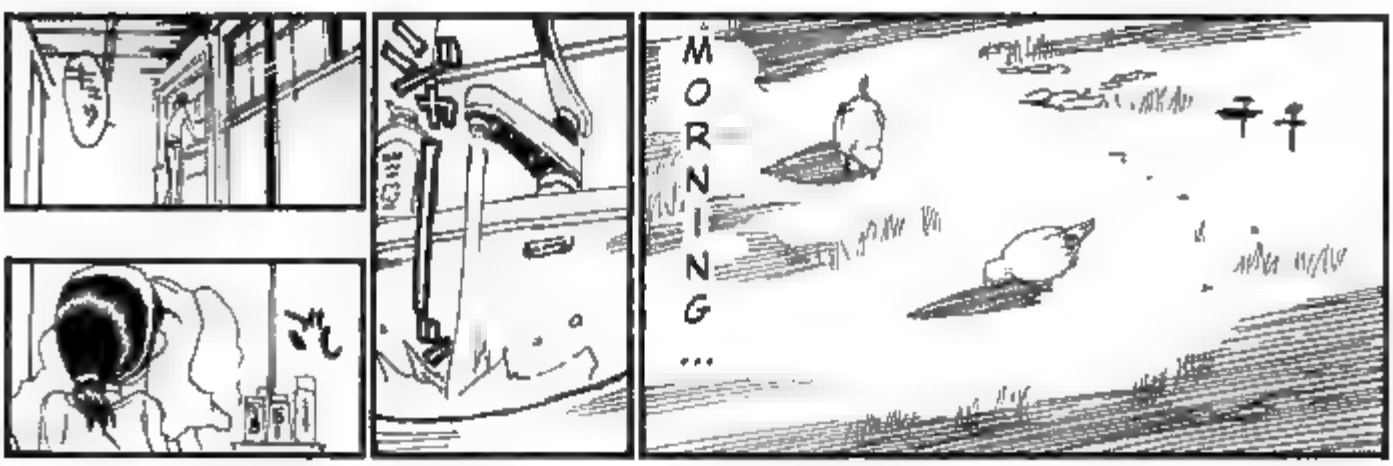
I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS
I SHOULD BE FEELING MORE ANX-IOUS
BUT WHEN I'M CLIMB-ING
I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE !!

RIDE.158 THE THIRD DAY BEGINS!





RIDE.158 THE THIRD DAY BEGINS!

IT'S HERE!! THE DAY IS HERE, HOT-SHOT!!
YEAH !!
LET'S GO, TO THE TOP!
KWAH !!
THE TEAM WHO CROSSES THE GOAL FIRST
WILL WIN... INTER-HIGH...!!
TODAY IS THE LAST STAGE... TODAY...

EVERY-ONE...!!
OKAY !!
HOW'S THE KNEE?
WELL, KINJOU?
I'VE RE-COV-ERED.
NOT A PROB-LEM.
TO UNITE ALL WILLS AS ONE AND GRAB THE GOAL!!
ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS FOR EVERY-ONE TO RIDE AT THEIR FULLEST
WE, SOHOKU HAVE COME THIS FAR, ALL SIX OF US.

OOOOOOOOOH!!
LET'S GO, SOHO-KU!!
DO YOUR BEST!
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START

MOUN-TAIN GOD!!
FUKU-TOMI!!!!!!!!!!!!
GO WIN AN-OTHER ONE TODAY!!
WHAT AMAZING AURA!
LOOK OVER HERE!
KYAAH
WHAT PRES-ENCE!!
HAKO-GAKU! HAKO-GAKU!
おおお!!
WOHHH, HAKO-GAKU IS HERE!
CAN YOU LOOK THIS WAY?

THE SINGLE DIGIT LOGOS!!
WE ARE THE KINGS

FUCKING ANNOY-ING.
NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT, SHINKAI!!

"ESPE-CIALLY THE GIRLS" "ABOUT ME," RIGHT?

HEH, JUST LISTEN TO THAT CROWD CHEERING!!

YEAH
GOOD

HAS COME!!

IT'S TODAY.
WHO IS THE STRONGEST, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH IT,
THE DAY THAT WILL PROVE

THAT'S THE BEST WIND I'VE EVER FELT.
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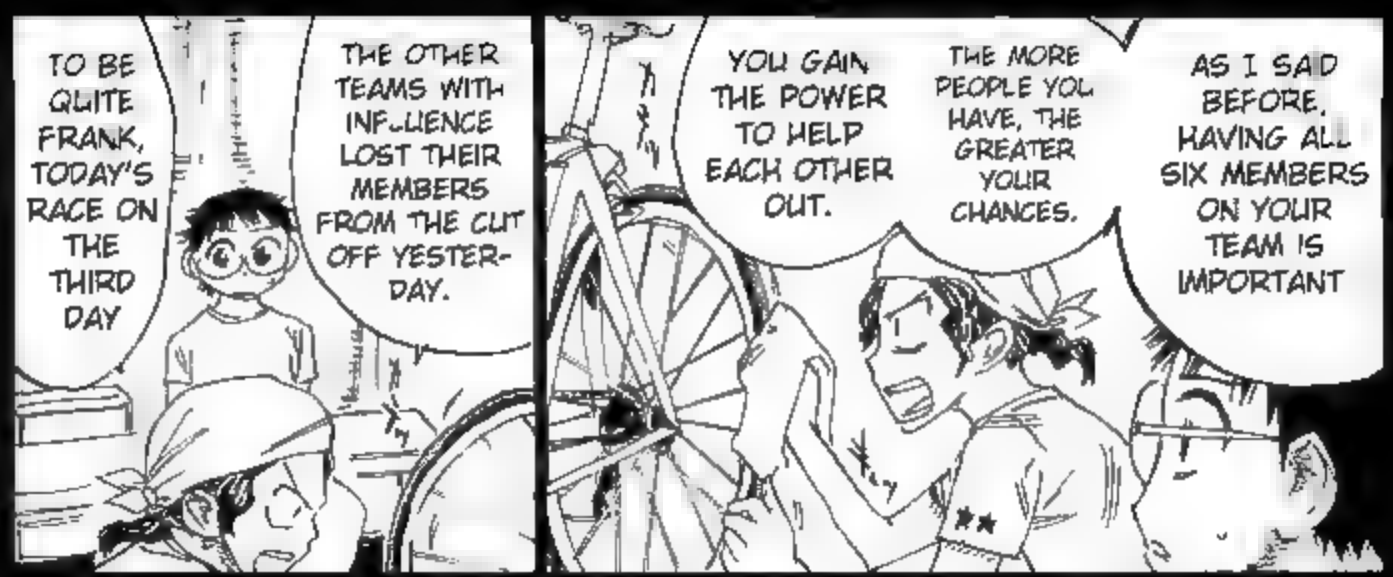
PARTICI-PANTS, PLEASE LINE UP AT THE STARTING LINE
WE WILL BE STARTING IN 15 MINUTES.

THE AIR IS LIKE ELECTRIC HERE.
I'M NER-VOUS...
MY HEART IS BEAT-ING FAST...

JUST CONCEN-TRATE ON HAKO-GAKU!
YOU CAN AFFORD TO IGNORE THE OTHER TEAMS
CONSIDERING THE TIME DIFFERENCE FROM THOSE AFTER YOU AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE TEAMS.
WHEN YOU START TO FEEL NERVOUS, DON'T LOOK AROUND
BUT TESHI-MA-SAN TOLD ME


TO BE QUITE FRANK, TODAY'S RACE ON THE THIRD DAY
THE OTHER TEAMS WITH INFLUENCE LOST THEIR MEMBERS FROM THE CUT OFF YESTERDAY.
YOU GAIN THE POWER TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT.
THE MORE PEOPLE YOU HAVE, THE GREATER YOUR CHANCES.
AS I SAID BEFORE, HAVING ALL SIX MEMBERS ON YOUR TEAM IS IMPORTANT

BETWEEN SOHOKU AND HAKONE ACADEMY!!
WILL BE A ONE-ON-ONE

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HIROSHIMA

WHOA, THAT SCARED ME A PARTICIPANT CAME UP FROM BEHIND.
DWAH!
OH?!
NO WAY, IT'S HAKOGAKU FOR SURE! THEY'RE THE KINGS!
WHICH OF THE TWO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN? CHIBA?
IGNORE THE OTHERS. DON'T WORRY.
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HIROSHIMA
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TODAY
GOOD WEATHER WE'RE HAVING
HIROSHIMA
IT'S GOOD THAT INTER-HIGH'S RULES ARE NICE AND SIMPLE.
WHOEVER REACHES THE GOAL FIRST WINS.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE RACE OR HOW YOU DO IT

YOU CAN DO IT!
OOOOOH
10 MINUTES REMAIN-ING
HAKO-GAKU UUUU

THE USUAL "GUTSY POWER FIL-ER-UP," RIGHT?!!
LET'S GO THEN!!
Y-YEAH !!
NARU-KO-KUN!!
KA KA KA
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9 MINUTES REMAINING
LAST RACE FOR INTER-HIGH
THIS YEAR'S
THE AIR IS SO THICK WITH ANXIETY... IT'S MAKING ME SHIVER TOO!! DON'T LOSE, EVERYONE!!

HEY THERE.
KYAAH
!?
YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE.
HAVE YOU GOT A BOY-FRIEND?
ARE YOU A FIRST-YEAR?
EH EH?
DON'T HAVE ONE, THEN?
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sweat
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME, THEN?
HEY, Y--
WHA-?!
GET AWAY FROM HER!
KAN-ZAKI-SAN?!
MANAGER!!
WHAT'S THAT GUY'S PROB-LEM?!
AFTER THIS RACE IS OVER?
OF COURSE
I WON'T TELL YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE
EH EH..

HOW ABOUT WE DATE AFTER I
MAKE THE TOP GOAL AT THIS RACE?
.....
THAT
IS IM-POS-SIBLE. YOU WON'T MAKE THE TOP GOAL EITHER!
THE TWO TEAMS AT THE FRONT HAVE A TIME DIFFERENCE FROM THE OTHERS, AND WHAT'S MORE
WE'VE GONE THROUGH TOUGH TRAINING FOR THIS DAY.
YOU KNOW ABOUT ROAD RACING PRETTY WELL, LITTLE LADY.
YOU'VE GOT A POINT.

HAVE THEM, YOU SEE?
BUT I

I HAVE "STARS"..! I'M MACHIMIYA EIKICHI, A THIRD-YEAR FROM HIROSHIMA KUREMINAMI'S TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.
IT'S ALMOST FUNNY HOW IT WORKS OUT
BUT AT THE VERY END, I ALWAYS WIN
EH EH!! I'VE ALWAYS HAD EXTREMELY BAD LUCK EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG
THE FIFTY PEOPLE WHO CAN STILL RUN TODAY
BEFORE I REALIZED IT, AMONG THE FIFTY PEOPLE FROM THE SECOND DAY CUT-OFF YESTERDAY...
BUT WE CAME TO-GETHER AND CAUGHT UP
THE WIDE OUT!!
ON THE FIRST DAY... I WIPED OUT AT THE ODAWARA CRANK.
EH EH !!
ALONG WITH THREE OF MY MEM-BERS

WE STILL HAVE ALL SIX OF OUR MEMBERS!!
SIX...!!
DO YOU HAVE "STARS" ?
SO, SOHOKU

THE ONLY TEAM, BESIDES SOHOKU AND HAKO-GAKU, WHO STILL HAS ALL SIX MEMBERS !!
THIS PERSON FROM HIROSHIMA'S TEAM HAS ALL OF HIS MEMBERS, TOO...
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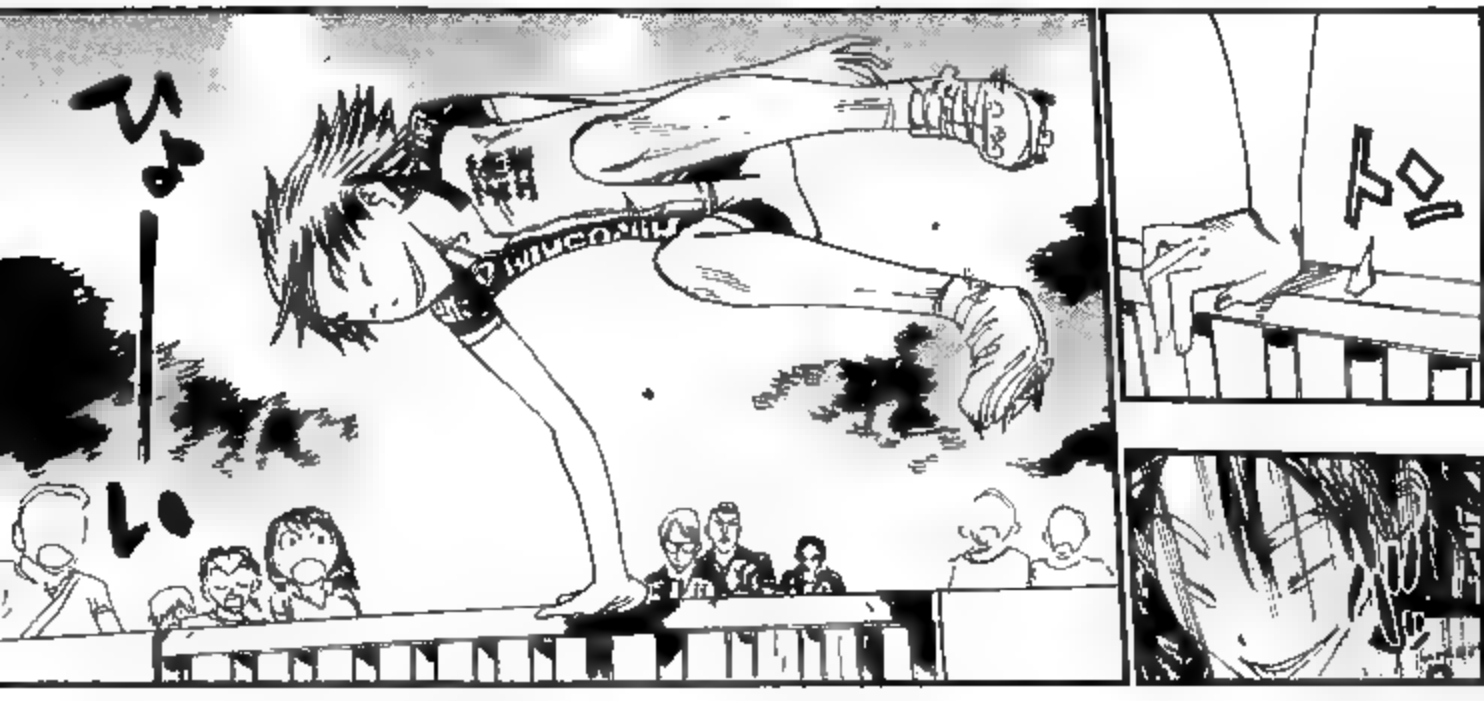
TE-SHIMA-SAN TOLD ME
THAT HAVING ALL SIX MEM-BERS OF YOUR TEAM WAS IM-PORTANT



RIDE.159 LUCKY MAN MACHIMIYA

8 MINUTES REMAINING UNTIL WE BEGIN.
AND PROBABLY IN GREATER AMOUNTS THAN YOU!!
HIROSHIMA KUREMINAMI'S ACE, THIRD-YEAR MACHIMIYA...!!
#3 IN THE NATION FROM LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT...!!
IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT, COME ON. I'LL LEAVE AFTER I'M DONE WITH MY BUSINESS
EH EH
DON'T STAND IN FRONT OF US, YOU ASS!
HEY, WE'RE CONCENTRATING HERE!
YOU'D WANT SOME TIME GIVEN TO YOU IF OUR POSITIONS WERE SWITCHED, WOULDN'T YOU?

RIDE.159
LUCKY MAN MACHIMIYA

WE ALL HAD A GOOD ATMOSPHERE GOING AT THE STARTING LINE BEFORE HE CAME...
WHA...? WHAT IS WITH THIS PERSON?
WHA?!
IF OUR POSITIONS WERE--?! YOU JUST CUT IN FRONT OF US OF YOUR OWN ACCORD!
HEY!
EH EH
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH
I CAN USE MAGIC.
HIROSHIMA
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EH
MAGIC --?!
I'M TELLING YOU TO HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! (N)
EH EH!
HAA ?!
KINJOU-KUN...
WHAT ARE YOU ABOUT TO DO?! (N)
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I HEAR THAT YESTERDAY'S GOAL WAS ONLY A FEW CENTIMETERS DIFFERENCE
EH EH !!
A HAND-SHAKE ?!

HAVE "STARS"
YOU
BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, YOU WERE SPRINTING FOR THE GOAL WITH HAKOGAKU ON EQUAL TERMS AT THE END. .
EVEN THOUGH YOUR TEAM WAS SCATTERED
HONESTLY, KINJOU-KUN.
LUCKY !!
LUCKY
LUCKY
!?

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!?
EH
EH
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!?
YOU HAVE "STARS" TOO... YOU'VE WON CONSISTENTLY THE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE...
YOU HAVE THEM. YOU HAVE THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP!!
I TOLD YOU TO STOP.
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE, ALL RIGHT?
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE.
DOUBLE YELLOW BIBS!! MY, HOW VERY COOL THAT IS!
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I'M ABLE TO SUCK OUT THE "STARS" OF OTHER PEOPLE.
UNTIL NOT A SINGLE BIT OF IT
IS LEFT.
DON'T TRY TO BULLSHIT US WITH YOUR DIVERSIONARY TACTICS!
DAMN HALF-WIT!!
EH EH !!
HEY.

THIS IS MY MAGIC. BY DOING THIS
HIROSHI
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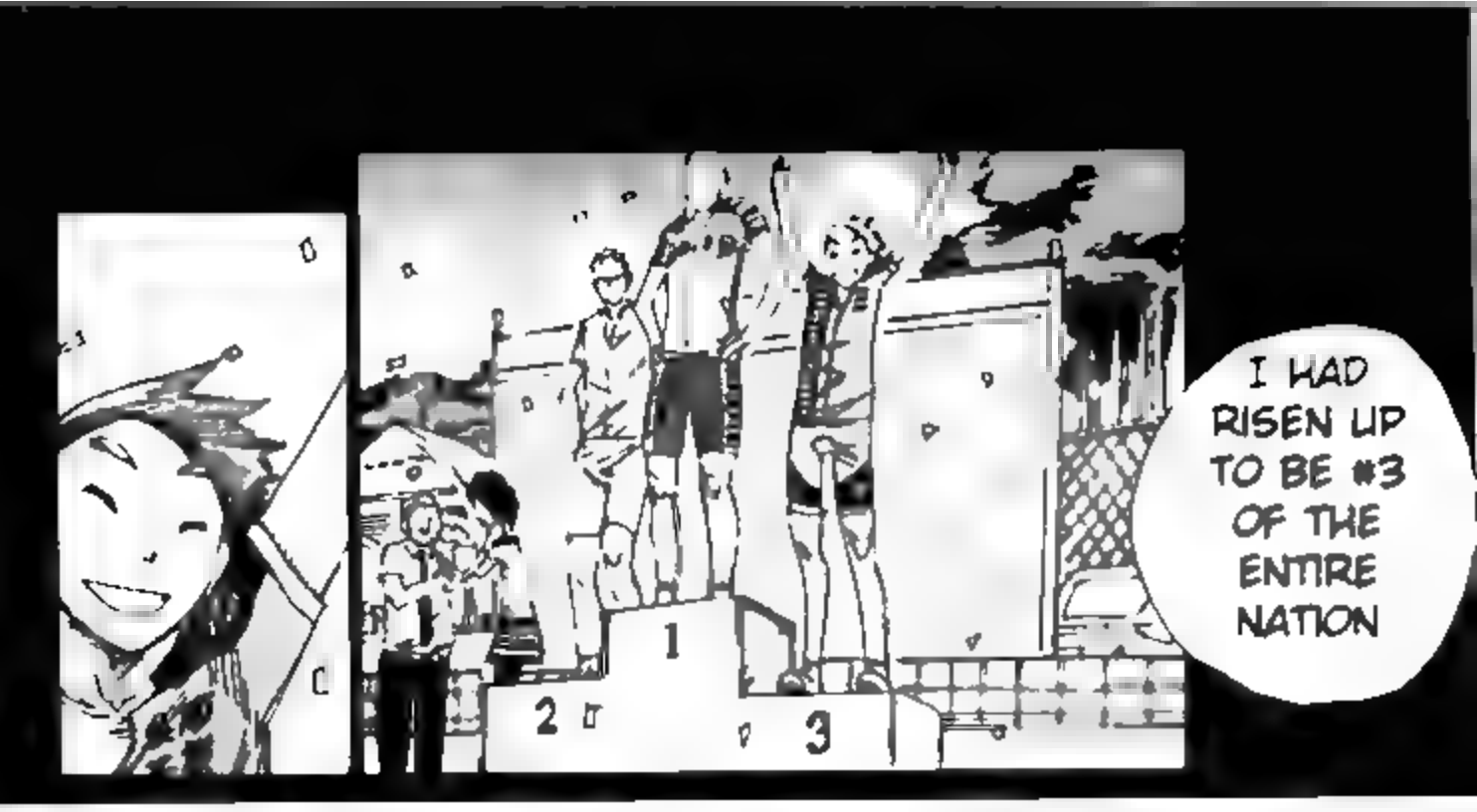
IT DOESN'T MATTER
STOP IT, ARAKITA
TCH !!
GAKU

I WAS #6 IN LINE WITH FIVE KM LEFT TO GO. THE TIME DIFFERENCE WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME DESPAIR.
BUT AT THREE KM LEFT TO GO...
I WAS THE TEAM'S ACE. ON THE THIRD DAY, THE LAST STAGE
IN LAST YEAR'S IN-HIGH
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT SORT OF STUFF!!
AT ONE KM TO GO, THE GUY IN FRONT OF ME WIPED OUT .. THEN THE GUY IN FRONT OF HIM MISJUDGED THE COURSE
THE GUY IN FRONT OF ME GOT A FLAT TIRE
#6 IN LINE...
BEFORE I KNEW IT


I HAD RISEN UP TO BE #3 OF THE ENTIRE NATION
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THIS GUY IS IN-CRED-IBLY LUCKY, HUH!!
!!
#3!!

NOT 100% IMPOS-SIBLE!!
EH EH
BUT
FOR TODAY KUREMINAMI HAS A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIME DIFFERENCE FROM THOSE AT THE FRONT TO BE HONEST, IT'S DESOLATING JUST TO THINK ABOUT
IT WILL BE EXTREMELY TOUGH WORK TURNING THAT AROUND...

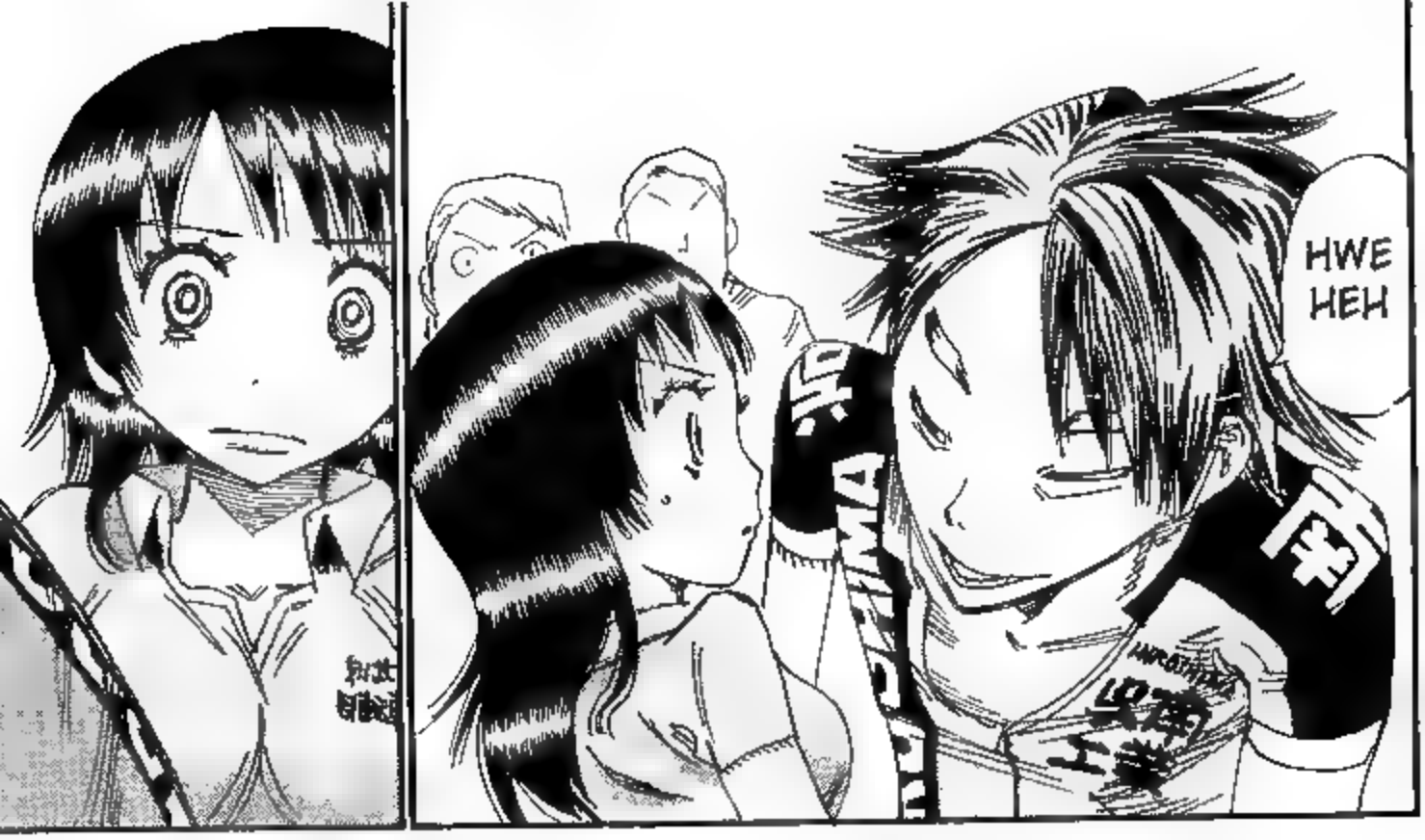
IN A ROAD RACE, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN!
E- EXCUSE ME! PLEASE WAIT!
AH... WAIT!
...AH.
HIRO

WAH
SO-HOKU WILL
ME--
I HAVE TO CHANGE IT
THE ATMO-SPHERE AROUND EVERY-ONE IS GETTING STRANGE
DWAAP!
SOHOKU
SUMO
DO ITS BEST !!
SO SOHOKU WI...
HEY !
ONODA !!
ONODA-KUN!!

I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE "LACKY" OR NOT, BUT
SOHOKU WILL DO ITS BEST AT OUR FULL-EST!!
PFT
SINCE I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU
I'LL GIVE YOU A SMALL QUIZ.
ARE YOU A FIRST-YEAR, "ONODA-KUN"?
YOU AREN'T LUCKY.
PRETTY PATHETIC
TO BE FALLING OVER BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED.
SOHOKU

IN A ROAD RACE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL ITEM A RACER NEEDS
?!
THAT'S RIGHT...
"STA--"
IF YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING SO FAR, THIS IS A FREEBIE ANSWER

BICYCLES !!
B--
I-IS THAT CORRECT?
WAS I WRONG?
EH EH EH EH!
SOHOKU EVEN HAS A COMEDIAN ON THEIR TEAM! THIS IS GOING TO BE SO EASY!!
EH EH EH EH!
TRY AND DO
"ONODA-KUN"
YOUR VERY BEST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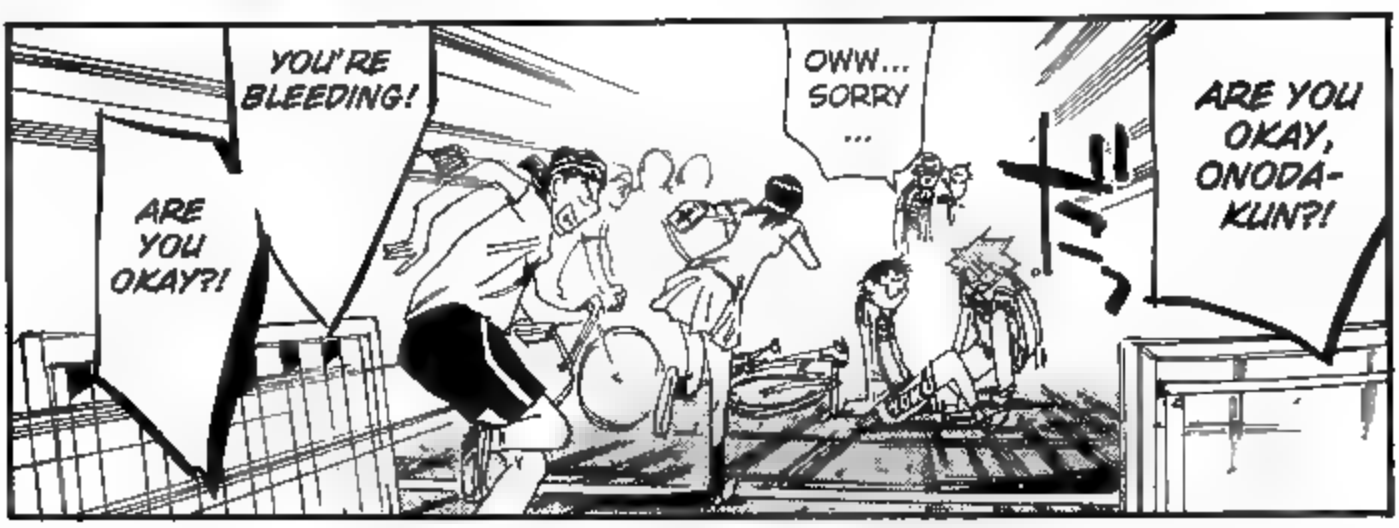
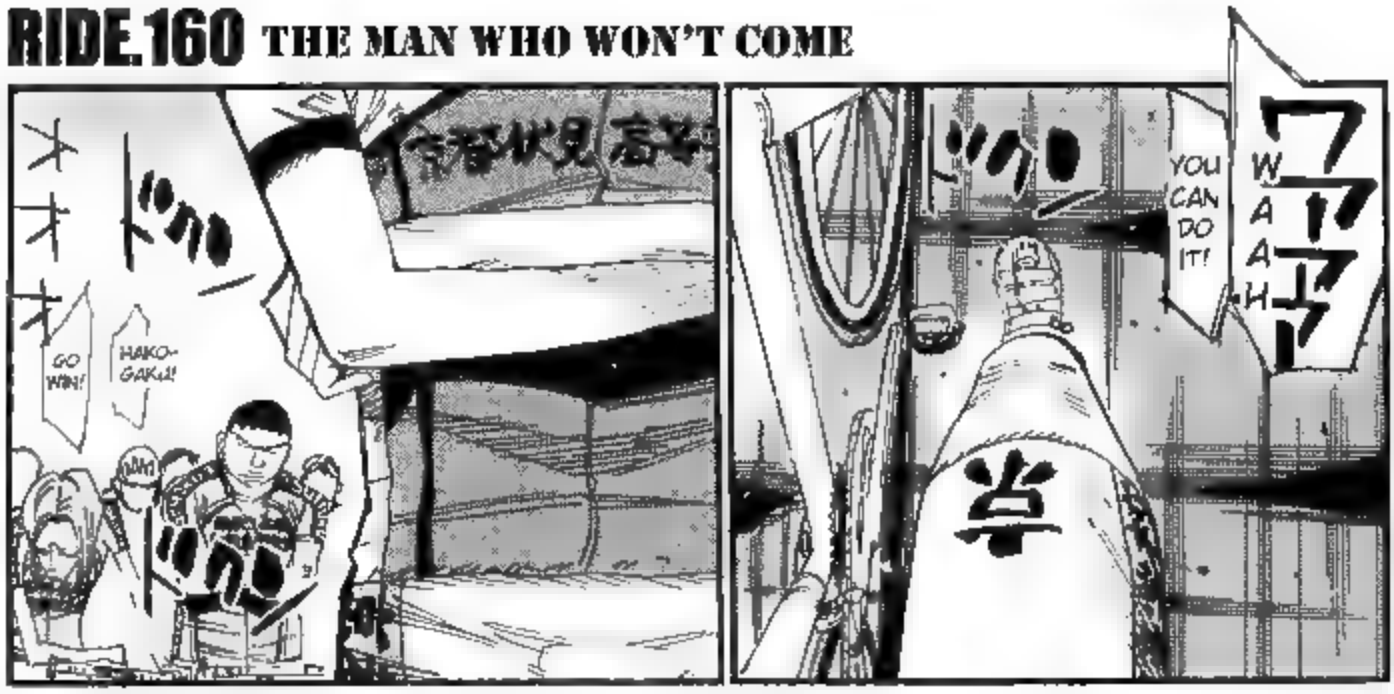

YOU'RE BLEEDING!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
OWW... SORRY ...
ARE YOU OKAY, ONODA-KUN?!

ALL THE WAY BACK HERE?
YEAH WHY ARE THEY TAKING UP POSITION
IF KUREMINAMI WAS ON THE AWARDS STAGE LAST YEAR...
TCH.

WE HAVE OUR OWN METHODS TO WINNING ...!!
EH EH !!

ON THE LAST DAY, THE PRICKLY ANXIETY, FATIGUE, AND OTHER EMOTIONS THAT YOU FEEL UP TO NOW MASH TOGETHER...
IT'S AT A TIME LIKE THIS THAT PEOPLE LIKE US CLIMB UP TO THE VERY TOP!!

RIDE.160 THE MAN WHO WON'T COME



AND END THE RACE THERE?!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO THROW AWAY THE THIRD PLACE YOU WON YESTERDAY
YOU'VE COME THIS FAR ALREADY!
"I'M LEAVING THE CLUB"
DID HE REALLY GO BACK TO KYOTO JUST LIKE THAT?
"I WON'T BE RACING."
SO GET HERE!!
YOU STILL CAN...
YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME...
YEAH
THAT MIDOU-SUJI ISN'T COMING AT ALL.
.....!
MIDOU-SUJI
HAKODAKU

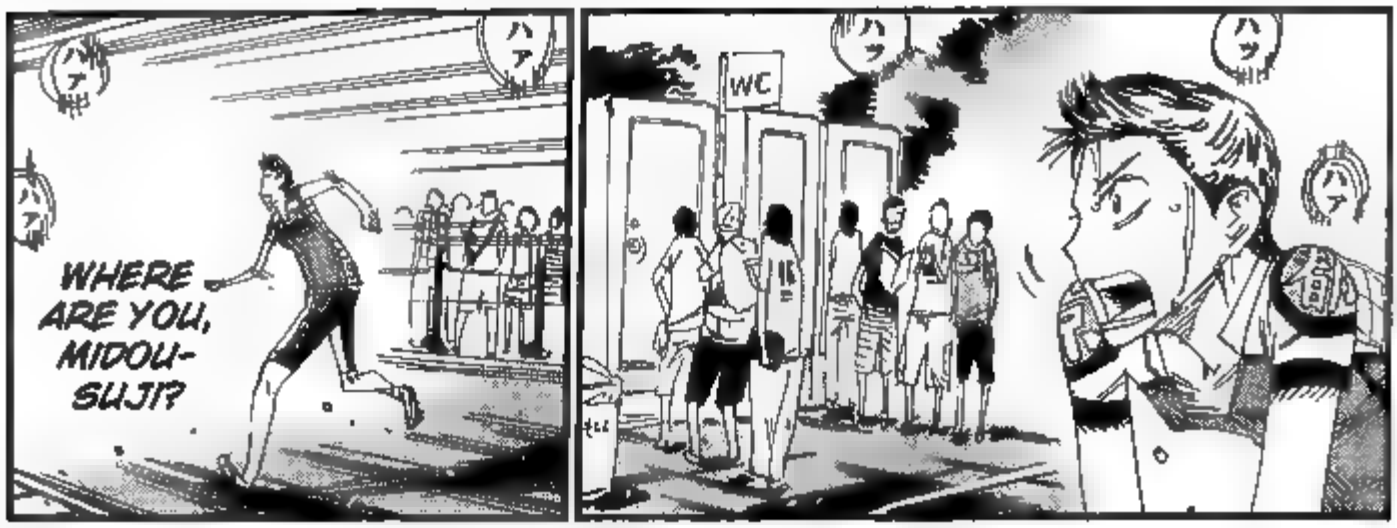
RIDE.160 THE MAN WHO WON'T COME

I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM ONE MORE TIME.
EH ?!
NOBU, HOLD ON TO THIS FOR ME, WILL YOU?
!
I'LL BE BACK!
THERE'S ONLY FIVE MINUTES, ISHIYAN!
ISHI... ISHI-GAKI-SAN?!
.....
SOMEONE ELSE STOOD IN HIS PLACE AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY YESTERDAY AS WE... COULD HE HAVE RECEIVED HEAVY DAMAGE?
AH ?!
I WOULDN'T BEING SAYING THAT ABOUT OTHERS IF I WERE YOU, YASUTOMO.
THAT GUY WITH THE BAD MOUTH... HE... ISN'T COMING...
...
MIDOU-SUJI

.....
IS THE MERCI-LESS NATURE OF INTER-HIGH
THAT
EVEN RIDING FOR ALL THREE DAYS IS TOUGH
THAT UNWAVERING ATTACHMENT TO VICTORY... AND THE UN-HESITATING WAY THAT HE RODE...
HAS THAT BACKFIRED ON YOU, MIDOUSUJI?!
IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE
EVEN STANDING AT THE STARTING LINE ON THE LAST DAY
!
UNLESS YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE IN THIS PRESSURE, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIN.
BE SURE TO TAKE THIS ALL IN.
MANAMI.
SO-HO-KU!!
HA-KO-GA-KU!!

HE'S SLEEP-ING...!!
ARE ONLY A LULLABY TO YOU, MANAMI?!
THIS GUY...!!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT THE CROWD'S CHEERS AND THIS PRESSURE
HA!!
OY OY

OOOOH
THREE MINUTES REMAINING
I FORGOT SOME-THING! BE BACK SOON!!
HUH ?!
H-HUH? ISHI-GAKI-SAN?!


WHERE ARE YOU, MIDOU-SUJI?
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THANKS TO YOU!
MI-DOU-SUJI !!
(KYOTO) KYOTO FUSHIMI
THAT WAS ALSO
SIXTH PLACE AT A STAGE IN INTER-HIGH!
I MADE SIXTH PLACE YES-TER-DAY.

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE GOAL... I WILL!
SO PLEASE ...!!
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MI-DOU-SUJI !!
GET HERE... LET'S RIDE TO-GETHER
THERE'S NO TIME...!!
I KNOW THAT !!
I'M LOOK-ING FOR MIDOU-SUJI!
TWO MINUTES REMAINING
WAH, ISHI-GAKI-SAN?!
WHAT ABOUT THE RACE?!
EH, BUT
I KNOW THAT
BUT
DIDN'T HE QUIT THE CLUB AND GO BACK TO KYOTO?
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NO MATTER HOW WORN OUT AND BATTERED YOU ARE FROM THE SECOND DAY

I WANT TO BELIEVE IN YOU
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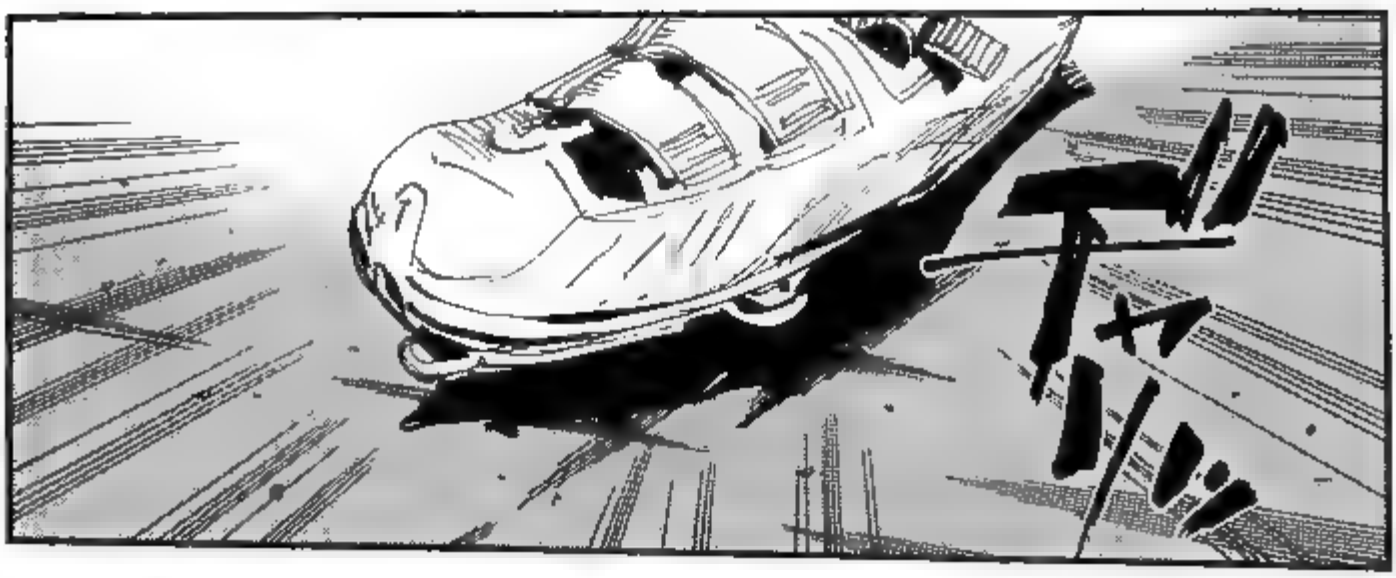
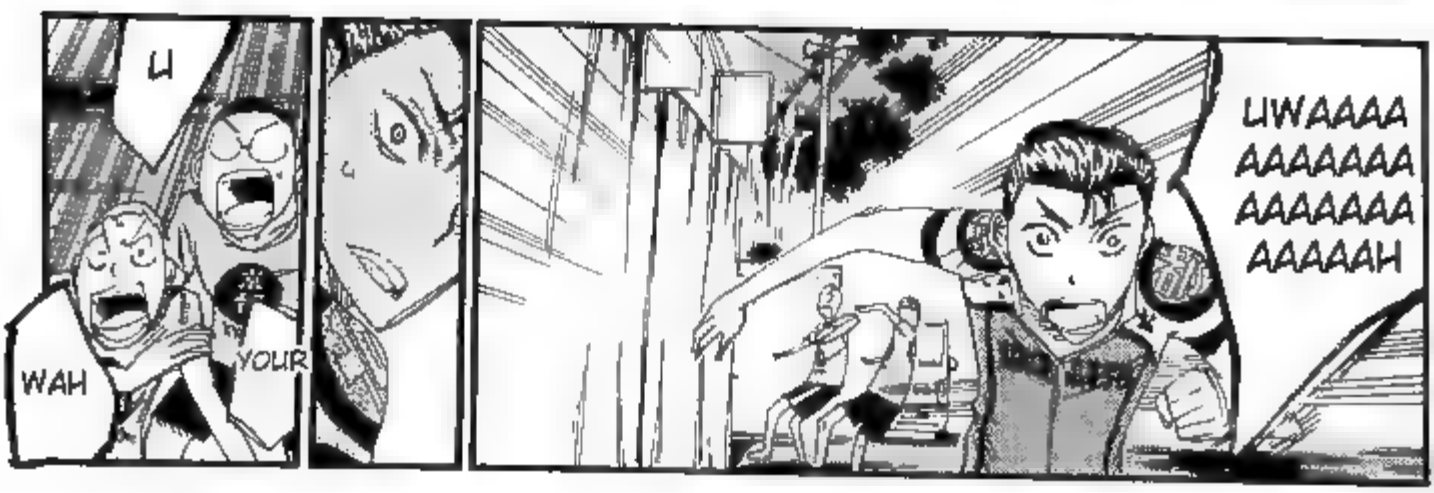
I'LL ASSIST YOU IN THE BEST WAY THAT WON'T BRING SHAME TO YESTER-DAY!! SO GET HERE!!
MI-DOU-SUJI !!

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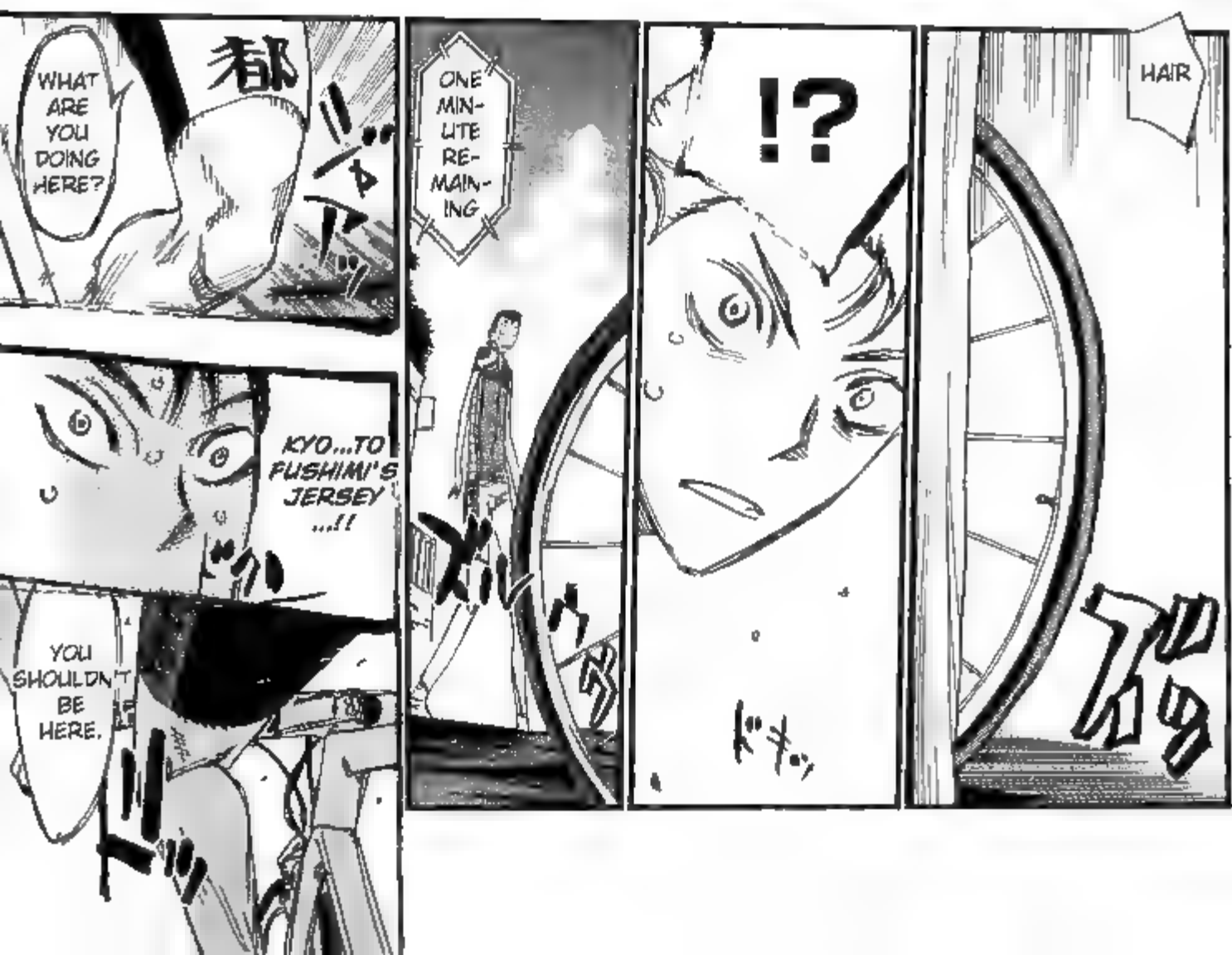
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ONE MIN-UTE RE-MAIN-ING
!?
HAIR
KYO...TO FUSHIMI'S JERSEY ...!!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
WAIT AT THE STARTING LINE
MY ASSIST !!
MI...
BIB NUMBER #91...!!
DON'T WANDER AROUND HERE AT THIS TIME, ISHIGAKI-KUN
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YOUR HAAA AAAIR !!
I'M SORRY ...!!
MI-DOU-SU-JI !!
RIGHT?

I CAN FEEL IT.
HE'S COMING ...
箱根学園
HEH... I SAID THAT YOU HAVE GUTS FOR FALLING ASLEEP.
HUH?
WERE YOU TALKING TO ME JUST NOW, TOUDOU-SAN?
WHEN YOU BLOCK OUT THE SOUNDS AROUND YOU
I WAS CONCEN-TRATING, SO
OH, WELL...
DON'T FALL ASLEEP AT THE STARTING LINE
IDIOT
THIS IS WHAT I ALWAYS DO, TO RESET MYSELF FIRST BEFORE I RIDE
AH?! NO YOU DON'T!
YOU START GETTING SLEEPY, DON'T YOU?

THIS GUY...
HE REALLY HAS RAISED HIS CONCENTRATION
IS WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T CONTAIN MYSELF
WILL IT BE TOUDOU-SAN THAT I WILL NATURALLY BE UP AGAINST?...NO.
SOHOKU'S MAKISHIMA-SAN WILL BE THERE TOO.
OH, RIGHT. THIS PERSON CAN ALSO CLIMB.
HE'S A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT.
WAH!
WHAT THE--
EH?!
RIGHT NOW, THAT
WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE THE BEST RACE AT THE BIGGEST MOUNTAIN OF INTER-HIGH
WHEN I'M ABOUT TO RIDE SERIOUSLY
.....
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LET'S RACE
AND YOU AS WELL, NATURALLY.
OOH
WHAT THE HECK?
HE TURNED INTO A SKINHEAD!
SAKAMICHI-KUN!!
MIDOU-SUJI...!!
THE TIME HAS COME
SUH
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
YOU THREW THAT PRESSURE BACK IN ITS FACE AND CAME BACK!!
HE SHAVED HIS HEAD!
WHOA, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT GUY?
MIDOU-SUJI!!
WHEN I SEE YOU UP CLOSE
YOU'RE PRETTY BIG

TO FULFILL OUR PROMISE.
!!
YEAH !!

THE STARTING DASH FOR THE LAST DAY OF INTER-HIGH NOW BEGINS!!
THE WHOLE CAST IS HERE !!
LET'S GET GOING THEN
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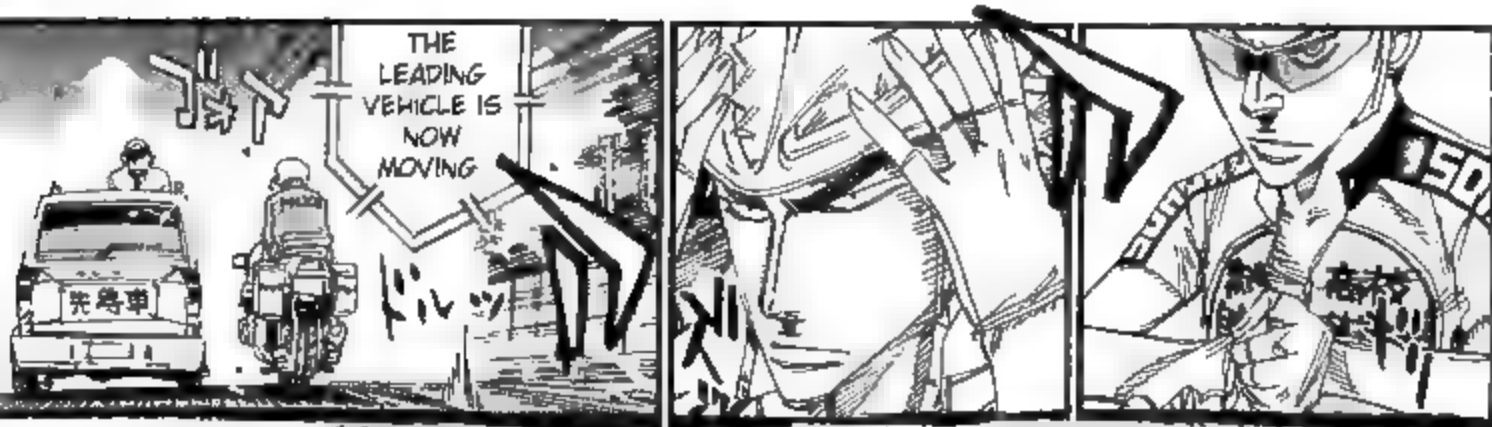
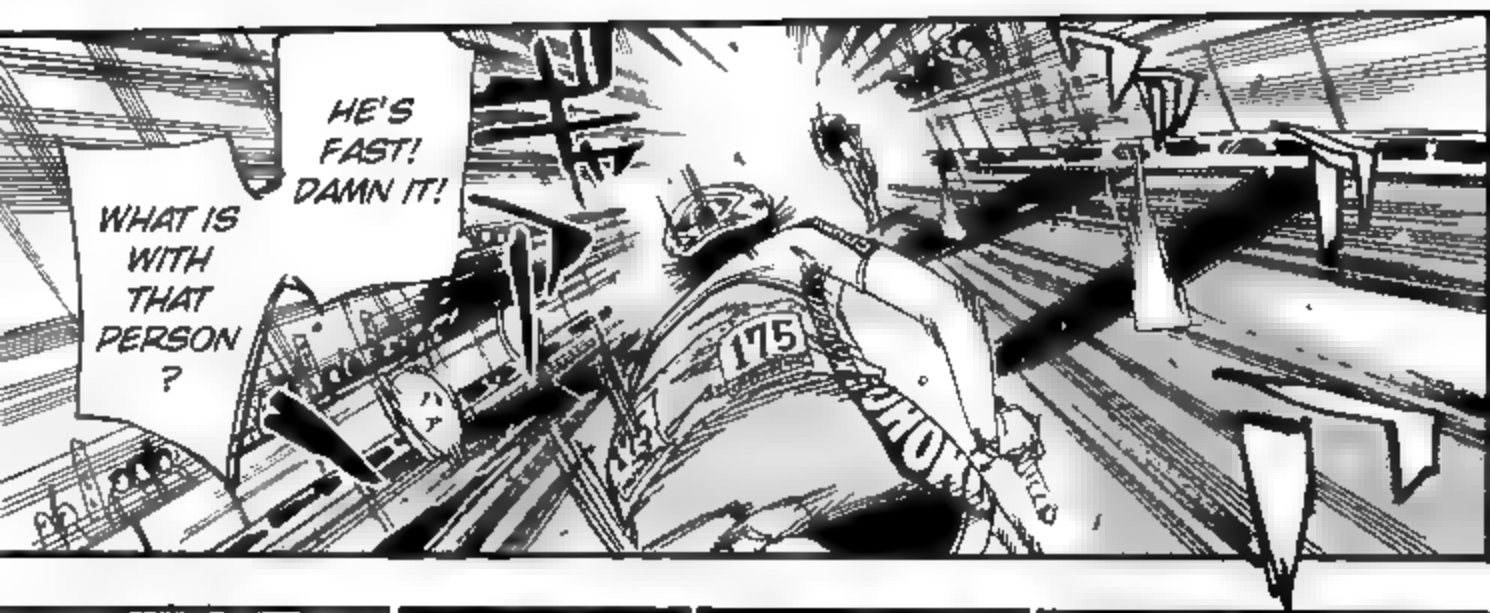


THE RACERS WHO WON FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE YESTERDAY HAVE RUSHED THROUGH THE STARTING ARCH!
THE SPECIAL RULE AT INTER-HIGH IS THAT THOSE WHO FINISH FIRST START FIRST' AND UP NEXT
GAKU

RIDE.161 THE LAST START

A BIT LATER AFTER THEM COMES KYOTO FUSHIMI'S ISHIGAKI, WHO CAME IN SIXTH PLACE OVERALL YESTERDAY!
HAKONE ACADEMY'S BIB NUMBER #4, SHINKAI, AND SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST-YEAR IMAIZUMI!


HE'S FAST! DAMN IT!
WHAT IS WITH THAT PERSON ?
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I WILL
I KNOW THAT

CATCH UP TO ME

TODAY'S ORDER IS FOR THE TIME BEING, THE SAME AS YESTER-DAY'S

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BUT

ALSO... FOR IMAI-ZUM...

CAN YOU NOT ORDER THAT FROM ME SO EASILY ?!
STAY ON SHINKAI'S TAIL AT ALL COSTS
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IS FREAK-ISHLY FAST!!
BUT THIS PERSON
YOU PROBABLY MEANT THAT IF I STAY BEHIND HIM, THEN I CAN FOLLOW "EASIER"
DON'T BE LATE !!
ONO-DA NARU-KO !!
AND HE'S FASTER THAN YES-TERDAY...!! BECAUSE TODAY IS THE "THIRD DAY," IS IT?
BUT I'LL DO IT...!!

UP NEXT IS THE FIRST GROUP CONSISTING OF HAKONE ACADEMY, SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE REMAINING KYOTO FUSHIMI MEMBERS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
UM... IMAIZUMI-KUN AND... NARUKO-KUN AND...
YOU MEAN...

"IF THE THREE OF US LINED UP SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AND MADE THE TOP GOAL ON THE THIRD DAY."
AT THE GOAL...
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER...
THE THREE OF US
"I BET IT WOULD FEEL GREAT"
YEAH.

WE CAN'T ALWAYS DO WHAT WE WANT, AND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO'D LAUGH AND SAY IT'S FOOLISH TO THINK THAT
WELL, TEAM RACES ARE TOUGH
KA KA KA

ALL THREE OF US ARE STANDING NOW AT THE STARTING LINE
BUT
THAT MEANS IT'S NOT IMPOS-SIBLE FOR IT TO HAPPEN!!
SOHOKU

I'M HAPPY
BECAUSE THAT ONODA-KUN I FIRST MET
NO, WAIT.
SURVIVED UP TO THE LAST DAY
OF INTER-HIGH
AND IS AIMING FOR THE GOAL WITH ME
JUST THAT ALONE ...!!

YEAH.

THE GOAL ...

STUPID YOU'RE SAYING "REALLY" TOO MUCH.
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GRATEFUL FOR SO MUCH YOU'VE DONE FOR ME, NARUKO-KUN, REALLY...
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10 MINUTES REMAINING .. 9...
8...
7...
6...
UM, I'M...
I'M REALLY ...
I'M ALSO REALLY

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OUR LAST RACE
THE HOT SUMMER
YEAH !!
I'M SURE THAT
OHOKU

ZERO. LINED RACERS WILL NOW START.
LET'S GO! IT'S THE LAST TIME! LET'S SHOW 'EM WHAT WE'VE GOT, ONODA-KUN!
OHOKU
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OUR WISH WILL BE GRANTED
SO, LET'S RIDE AT OUR FULLEST FOR THE GOAL THAT LIES AHEAD OF THIS ROAD

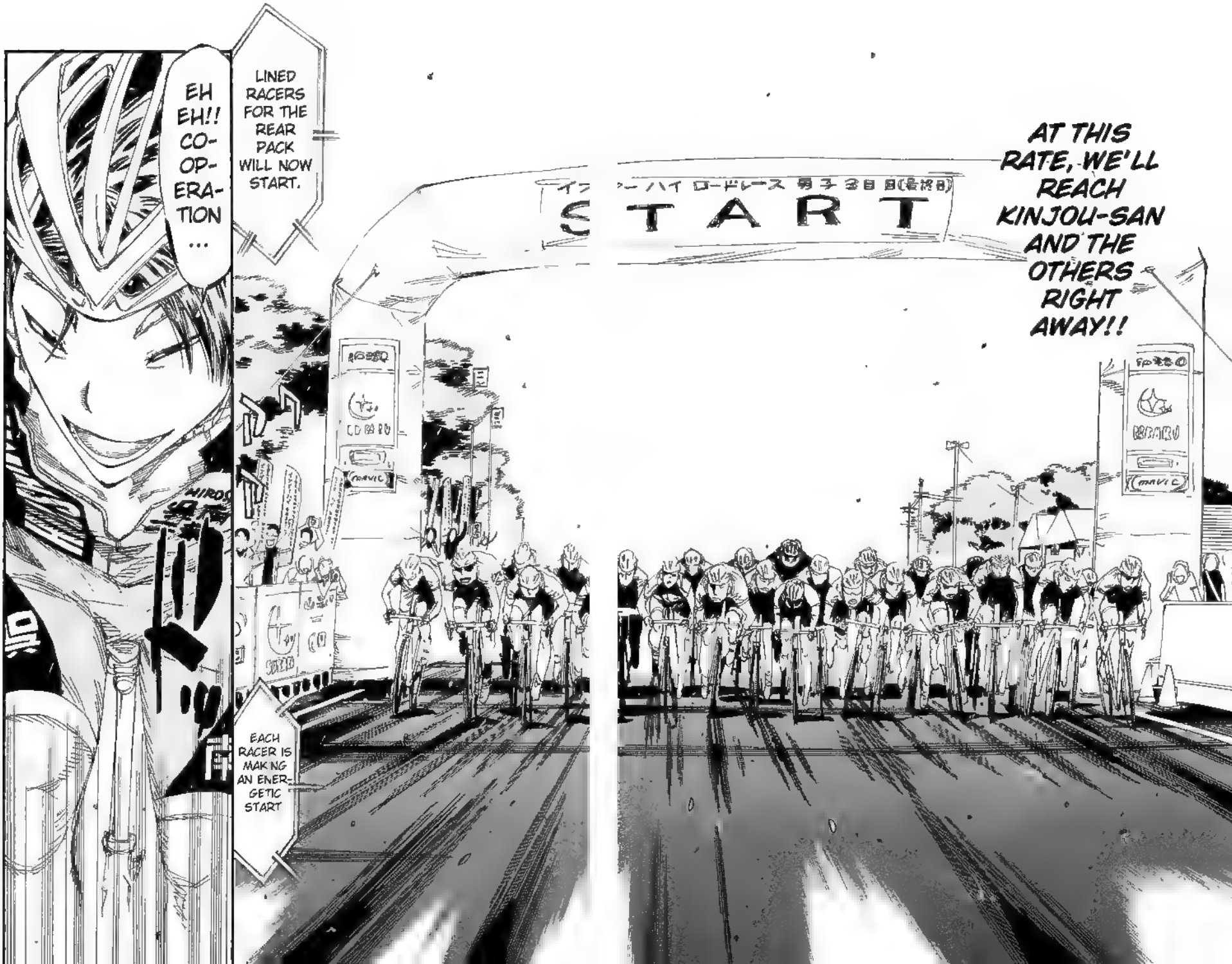
THE FOUR OF US!!
THAT'S THE SAME AS WHAT I WAS TOLD YESTER-DAY
TO DO THAT, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE FIRST REACH KINJOU-SAN SO ALL SIX OF US ARE TOGETHER.
WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO THEM
EH !?
!?
EH ?!
WE HAVE A DEAL, GLASSES-KUN

HEY, SAKA-MICHI-KUN.
EH?! AH... OKAY.
THEIR #2
2
AND #5
5
ARE ALSO
LINING UP WITH US?!

WE'RE "COOP-ERAT-ING"
THE MORE PEOPLE YOU HAVE WHO RIDE TOGETHER, THE LESS OF A BURDEN THERE IS ON THE INDIVIDUAL
IT'S A COMMON PRACTICE IN ROAD RACING
GA HA HA
I HATE THIS SORT OF STUFF. (A)
SHIT
WHEN OUR TARGET. . OR EVEN, WHEN OUR OPPONENT IS THE SAME
RACERS OVERLOOK THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TEAMS AND COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER
AS A RESULT... THE SPEED OF EVERYONE INVOLVED INCREASES!!
"COOPERATION"... SINCE THEY WANT TO CATCH UP TO THEIR ACE LIKE WE DO, HAKONE ACADEMY'S TEAM...
IS RIDING WITH US!!
THE MOMENT WE CATCH UP TO THEM IS WHEN THE REAL RACE STARTS... SO UNTIL THEN...
CONSIDER IT A "CEASE-FIRE."
KWAH
THAT'S RIGHT, GLASSES-KUN.
DON'T FALL BEHIND, SAKA-MICHI! (M)

IT'S IN-CRED-IBLY FAST!!
THIS IS HOW DIFFERENT IT FEELS JUST BY FOUR PEOPLE BECOMING EIGHT...
AMAZ-ING
BI-CY-CLES ARE AMAZ-ING!!

WE'RE ABOUT TO SPEED UP FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE!!


EH EH!! CO-OP-ERA-TION ...
LINED RACERS FOR THE REAR PACK WILL NOW START.
EACH RACER IS MAK NG AN ENER-GETIC START
START
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL REACH KINJOU-SAN AND THE OTHERS RIGHT AWAY!!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY! NO REASON TO HESITATE!
A COMMON PRACTICE OF ROAD RACING... THE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A PACK, THE FASTER YOUR SPEED.
EV-ERY-ONE!
OUR TARGET IS ONE AND THE SAME!!
CAN BE
I BET THERE ARE A LOT OF YOU WHO FEEL BITTER AND RESENTFUL AT THOSE IN THE FRONT!
THEY'RE CONVINCED THAT WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH UP TO THEM
SO LET'S TEACH THEM HOW "FAST THE PACK"
WE'LL GIVE THEM A TASTE OF FEAR WHEN THE PACK COMES DOWN ON THEM
EH EH !!

PLEASE GO AHEAD OF ME, TAURA-SAN, ISE-SAN!!
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FOR-GET ABOUT ME AND GO ON
IT'S NO GOOD. I CAN'T ANY-MORE
MASA !!
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FUJI-WARA !!

OUR TEAM GOT CUT DOWN TO THREE PEOPLE AFTER THE TIME OUT AND I'M EX-HAUSTED
I'VE HAD ENOUGH. AFTER SOHOKU GOT PAST US YESTER-DAY
WE'RE GOING TO-GETHER
WE JUST LEFT THE STARTING LINE! ONCE YOU'RE OVER THIS HILL, IT GOES DOWN!
WE ARE HIGO'S SUPER EXPRESS, KUMAMOTO DAIICHI!
IF KUMADAI'S OVERALL PLACEMENT GETS ANY WORSE BECAUSE OF ME
YOU CAN DO IT, FUJI-WARA!
FUJI-WARA!!
DON'T FALL OVER IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!!

BEFORE YOU PUT A BLACK MARK ON KUMAMOTO DAIICHI'S PROUD FLAG!
THAT WOULDN'T BE COOL.
SO PLEASE GO.
THE SOUND OF A LARGE GROUP OF BICYCLES...
DO YOU HEAR THAT ?!
TAURA-SAN!!
FUJIWARA !!
!!
THE PACK ?!
THEY'RE COMING!

!!
THE REAR PACK IS ALREADY HERE?!
IF WE GET DRAGGED INTO THAT, OUR RACE IS OVER!!
I THOUGHT THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE BEHIND US BEFORE THEM
IT MEANS THE PACK HAS ALREADY TAKEN THEM!!
FUJI-WARA!!
THEY SWALLOW UP EVERYONE IN THEIR PATH
AND INCREASE THEIR SPEED EVEN FASTER. AS IF LIKE...

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MOTO!
TAJIRA-SA... I..... CAN'T...

IS-EEEEEEE!

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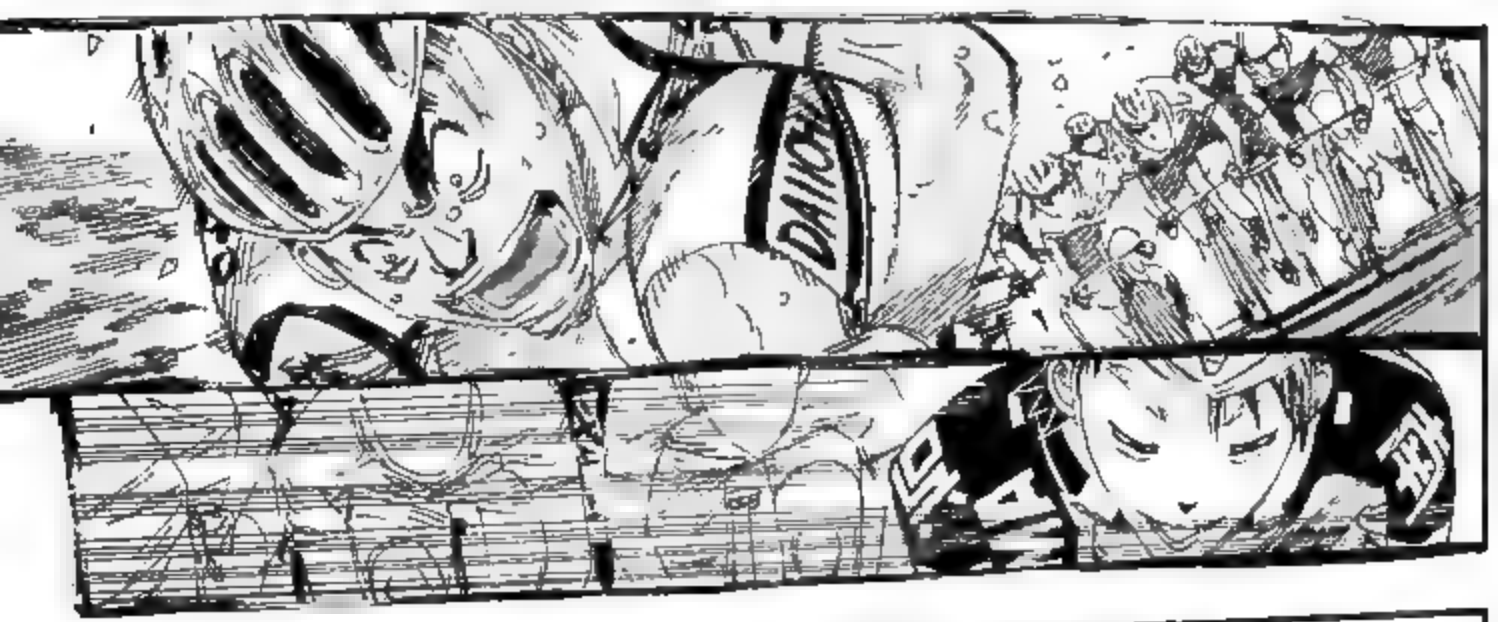
SU!!
WHILE IT WAS TEMPORARY, OUR PROUD KUMADAI WAS IN THIRD PLACE YESTERDAY!! I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO GET CAUGHT HERE! HIGO--

"HIGO MOKKOSU" IS A WORD USED IN KUMAMOTO TO DESCRIBE SOMEONE VERY STUBBORN



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KOO
YOU CAN DO IT!
POLICE
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM?
FU-KU-TO-MI...
GAAO

HE DECLARED WAR ON US.
MACHI-MIYA?
ABOUT HIRO-SHIMA'S
.....
YEAH.
IS FIFTEEN MINUTES...
A DIFFERENCE THAT TOOK TWO DAYS.
AND HE HAS SAID
THE TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND US AT THE FRONT
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, KINJOU. DID YOU GET SCARED FROM THAT LITTLE SPEL. OF HIS?
OR...?
THAT HE IS GOING TO OVERTURN THAT TODAY.
BUT FIFTEEN MINUTES IS A DESOLATING NUMBER.
THAT AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A BLUFF
HE HAS SOME SORT OF PLAN.
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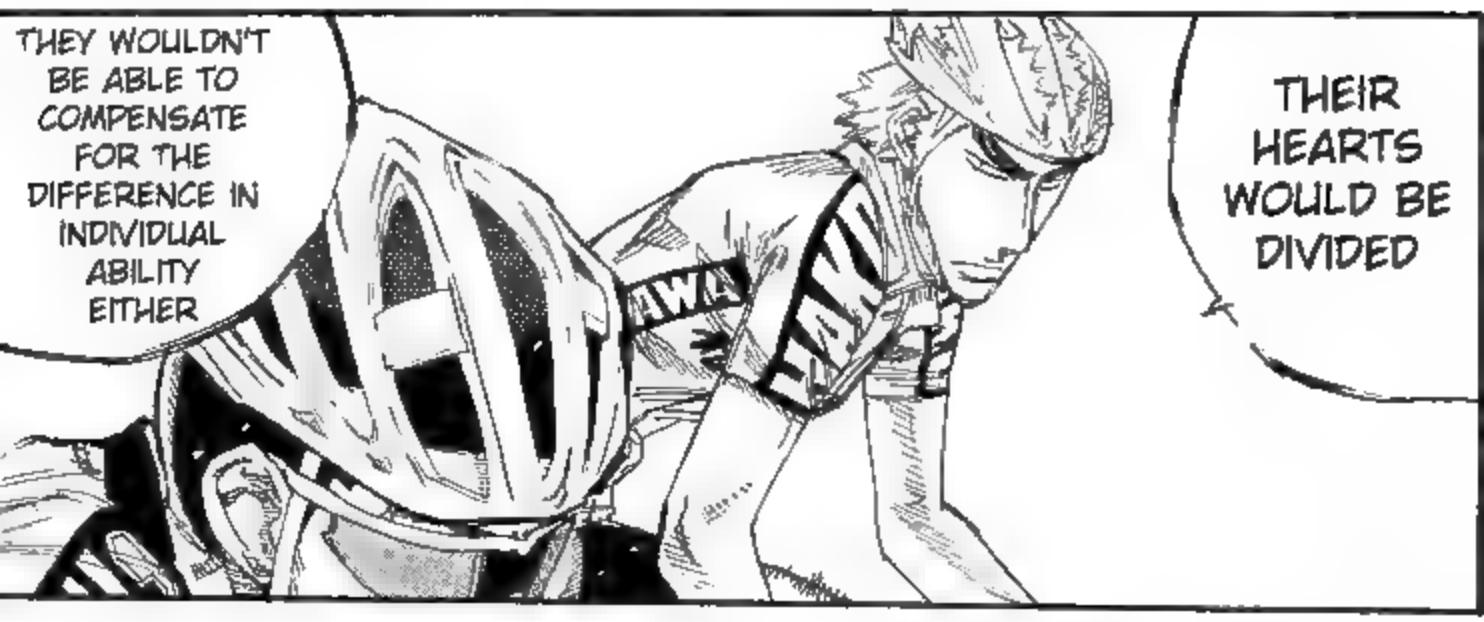
EVEN IF HE BROUGHT THEM TO-GETHER
NO, EVEN SO, THAT WON'T HELP HIM TO CATCH UP
THE PACK'S SPEED WILL INCREASE WITH THE MORE PEOIPLE THEY OBTAIN
IF HE BROUGHT THE REAR PACK TOGETHER


THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN INDIVIDUAL ABILITY EITHER
THEIR HEARTS WOULD BE DIVIDED

IF, FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE, HE DOES CATCH UP TO US DESPITE THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES
THAT WOULD MAKE HIM EITHER A REAL MAGIC-USER...
.....
HE IS NO MATCH.

OR A CON ARTIST WHO CAN CONTROL PEOPLE'S HEARTS.
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HOW IS IT, KUMADAI'S TAURA-KUN
BEING INSIDE THE PACK'S BELLY?
I WAS ALLOWED THE PRIVILEGE TO CONTROL THIS PACK. I'M MACHIMIYA FROM HIROSHIMA'S KUREMINAMI.
SURPRISINGLY NOT AS BAD AS YOU THOUGHT, HUH?
EH EH
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YOU WERE RIDING YOUR BEST WITH YOUR TEAM BUT THE REAR PACK CHASED YOU DOWN
I UNDERSTAND THE DESPAIR YOU MUST BE FEELING
I UNDERSTAND ...
I UNDERSTAND
SORRY BUT, DON'T TOUCH ME! I HAVE NO INTEREST IN BEING FRIENDLY WITH YOU!
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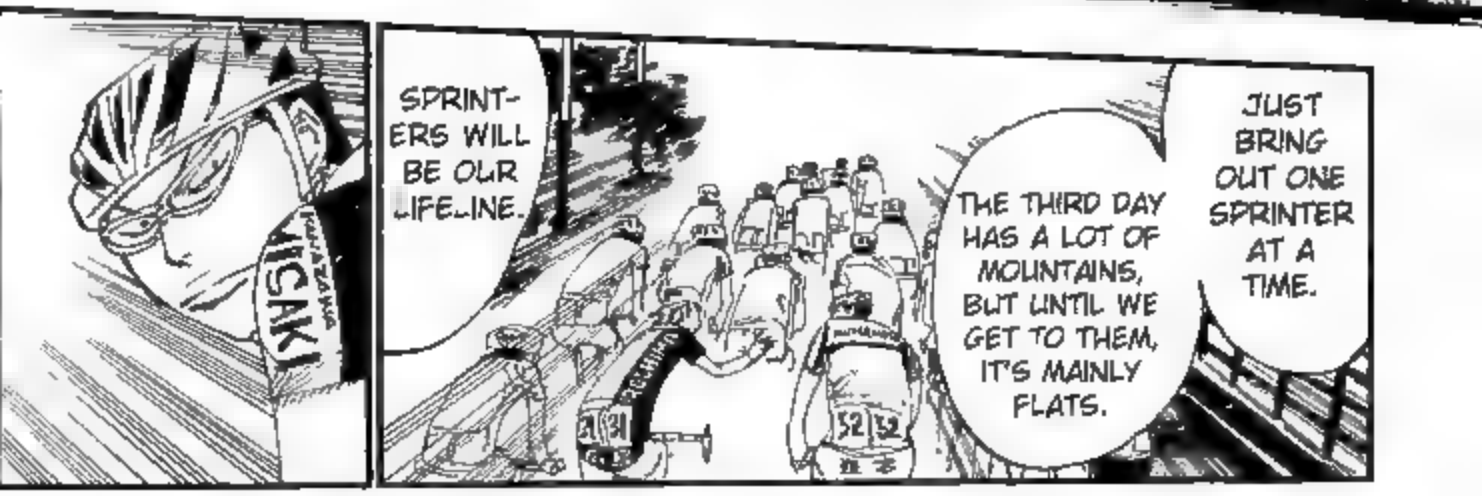
DAIICHI
BUT YOU'RE IN LUCK, TAURA-KUN.
TH...
THE FRONT ?!
IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN!
IMPOSSIBLE! DON'T YOU KNOW THE TIME DIFFERENCE?!
STAY ABOARD.
IS THE FRONT.
THIS PACK'S DESTINATION

WITH EVERY-ONE'S HELP
WE WILL CATCH UP TO THEM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SPRINT-ERS WILL BE OUR LIFELINE.
THE THIRD DAY HAS A LOT OF MOUNTAINS, BUT UNTIL WE GET TO THEM, IT'S MAINLY FLATS.
JUST BRING OUT ONE SPRINTER AT A TIME.

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THAT IS THE POWER OF THE "PACK."
THE SPEED WE HAVE IS VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM A TEAM THAT HAS ONLY ONE OR TWO SPRINTERS!!
THEY CAN ROTATE ON WHO PULLS.
WHAT'S MORE, THEY CAN PULL FOR ONE MINUTE AND REST FOR TEN MINUTES. RATHER FAVORABLE, ISN'T IT?
IT'LL BE EASY.
WE HAVE A LOT OF SPRINT-ERS.
TAURA-SAN

WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE LEFT IN KUMAMOTO DAIICHI. FUJIWARA, WHICH THE PACK TOOK FIRST, IS A CLIMBER.
WAIT, ISE...
MACHIMIYA-KUN.

WILL YOU LEAVE THEM BEHIND BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GO AS FAST?

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH INJURED CLIMBERS?
ALSO, SINCE HE WIPED OUT YESTERDAY, HE'S INJURED.

WELL...

TAKE HIM TO THE CENTER IMMEDIATELY!
I JUST HEARD THAT KUMADAI'S THIRD MAN IS INJURED!!
SHIONO! HIGASHIMURA!
NOW THAT'S SERIOUS NEWS!
CLIMBERS AND INJURED MEN ARE GATHERED AT THE CENTER.
MASA!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
FUJIWARA!!
SENPAI..
THOSE ARE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THE PACK.
"COCOON" ... "SHELL"
THERE'S ZERO WIND RESISTANCE AT THE CENTER OF THE PACK.

THE INSIDE OF THE PACK IS LIKE ANOTHER WORLD
STILL ENOUGH FOR A FLYING PRAYING MANTIS TO COME TO REST
YOU CAN TAKE IT EASY, AS IF YOU WERE OUT CYCLING
THE COLOR OF OUR JERSEYS
AT THIS POINT, WE ARE ONE.
THEY CAN REST AT THE CENTER
OF COURSE I WOULDN'T LEAVE THE INJURED BEHIND.
WE
WE RIDE WITH THE SAME GOAL IN MIND
AND OUR BIB NUMBERS ARE OF NO CONCERN ANYMORE.

I'LL CATCH UP TO THEM NO MATTER WHAT!
ONE MORE CHANCE!
THE CRUSHED WORM WILL TURN
I'LL DO IT...
FORMING THIS PACK WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE ON THE FIRST OR SECOND DAY.
IT'S ONLY ON THE THIRD DAY, WHEN THEY'VE BEEN CORNERED, CLOSE TO GIVING UP, MISSING TEAM MEMBERS, AND DIVIDED, THAT THIS PACK COULD BE MADE.
GO FOR IT, ISE.
I'LL PULL.
THE POWER THAT IS WRUNG OUT FROM THE WILLS OF CLOSE TO FORTY PEOPLE WITH THAT DESPERATION...
THEIR LAST HOPE... A SINGLE RAY OF LIGHT
IS OF A DIFFERENT CLASS!!
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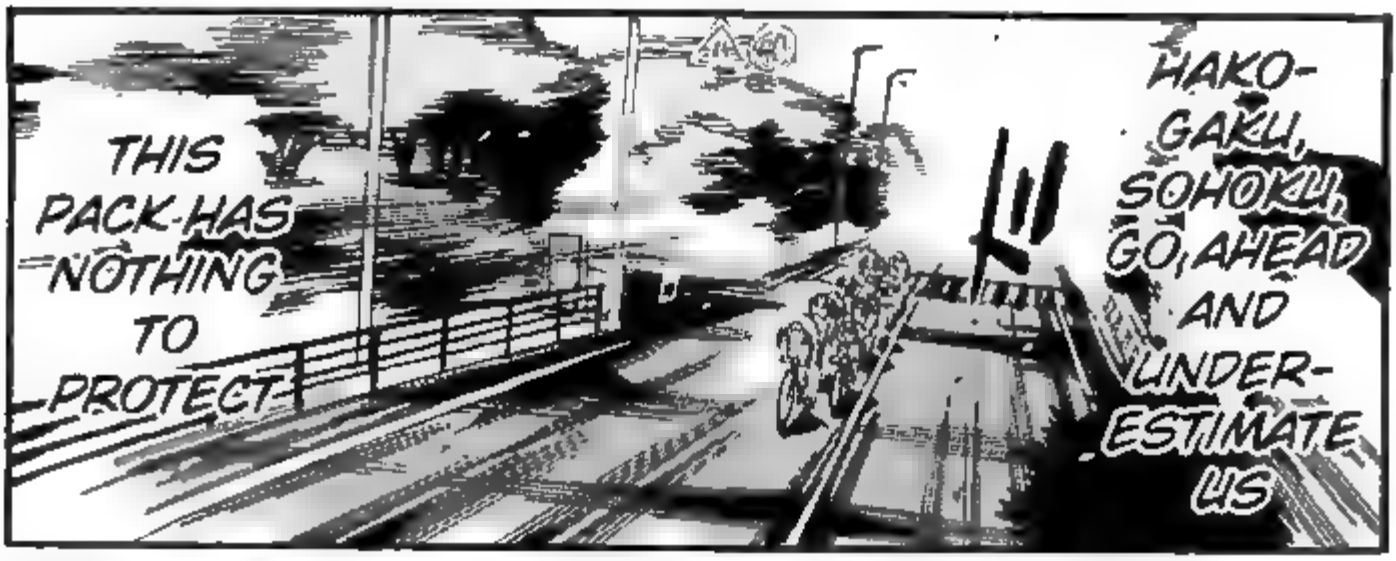
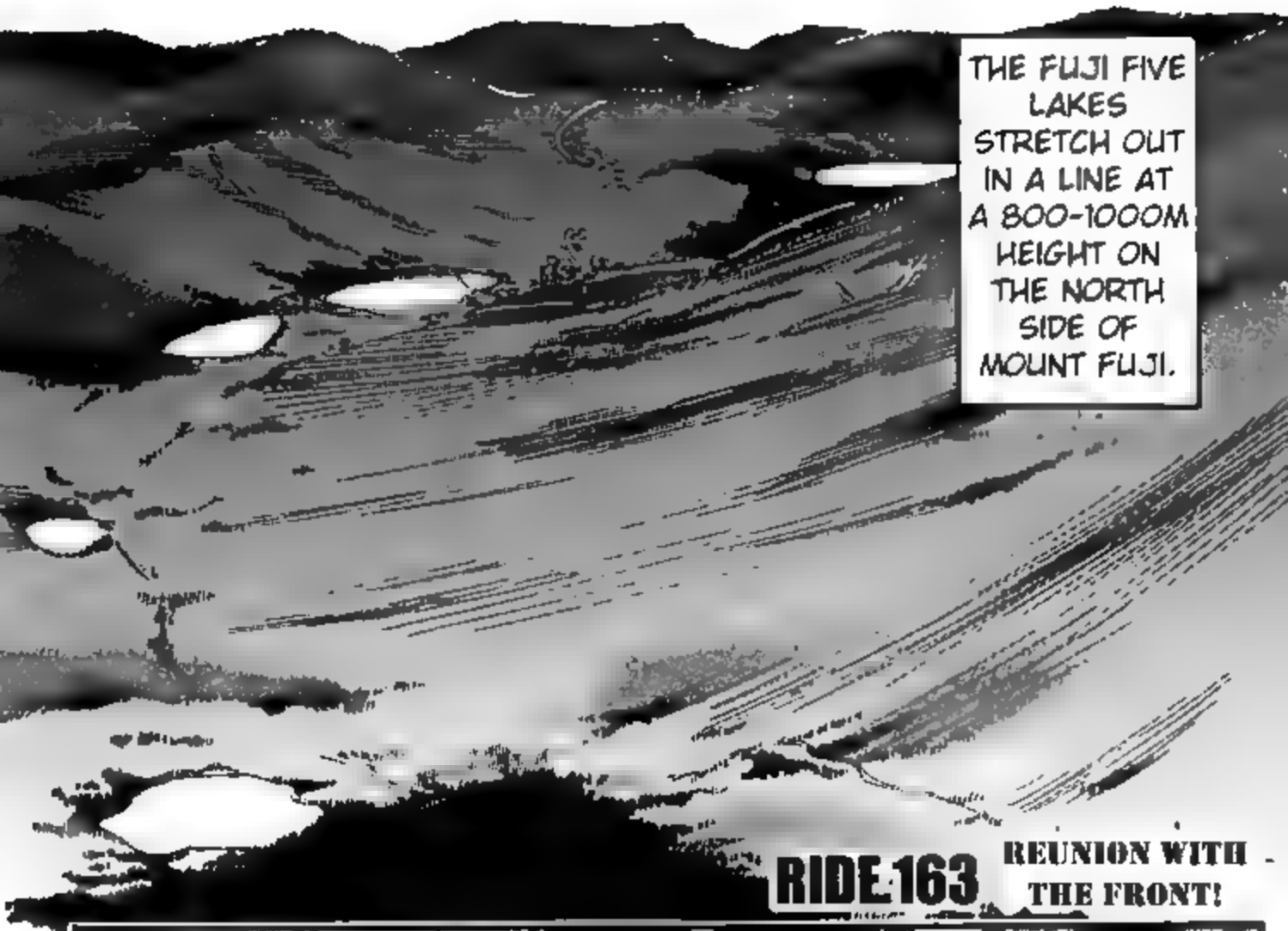
ARE TEAM-MATES!!
SANKI
MISAKI


THIS PACK HAS NOTHING TO PROTECT
HAKO-GAKU, SOHOKU, GO AHEAD AND UNDER-ESTIMATE US

IT'LL SWAL-LOW YOUR INSIG-NIFI-CANT PACK WHOLE!!
SOHOKU
GAKU



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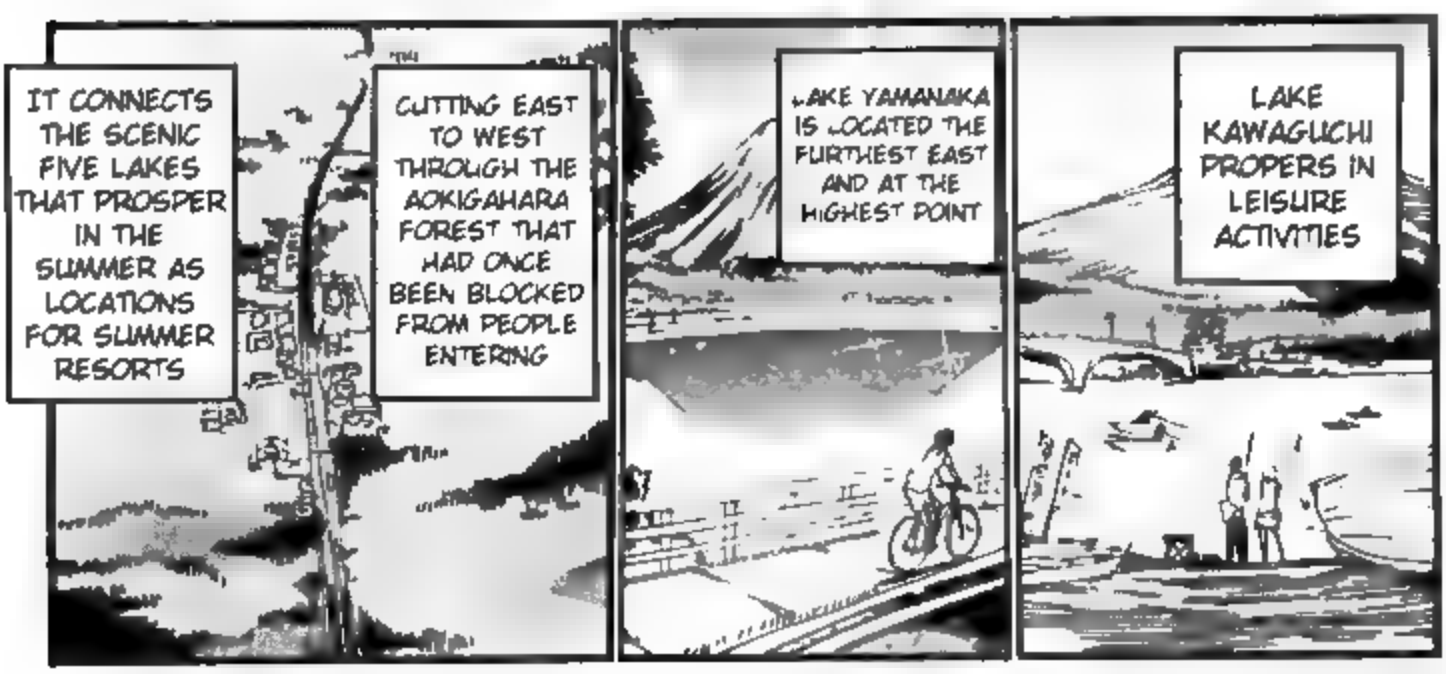
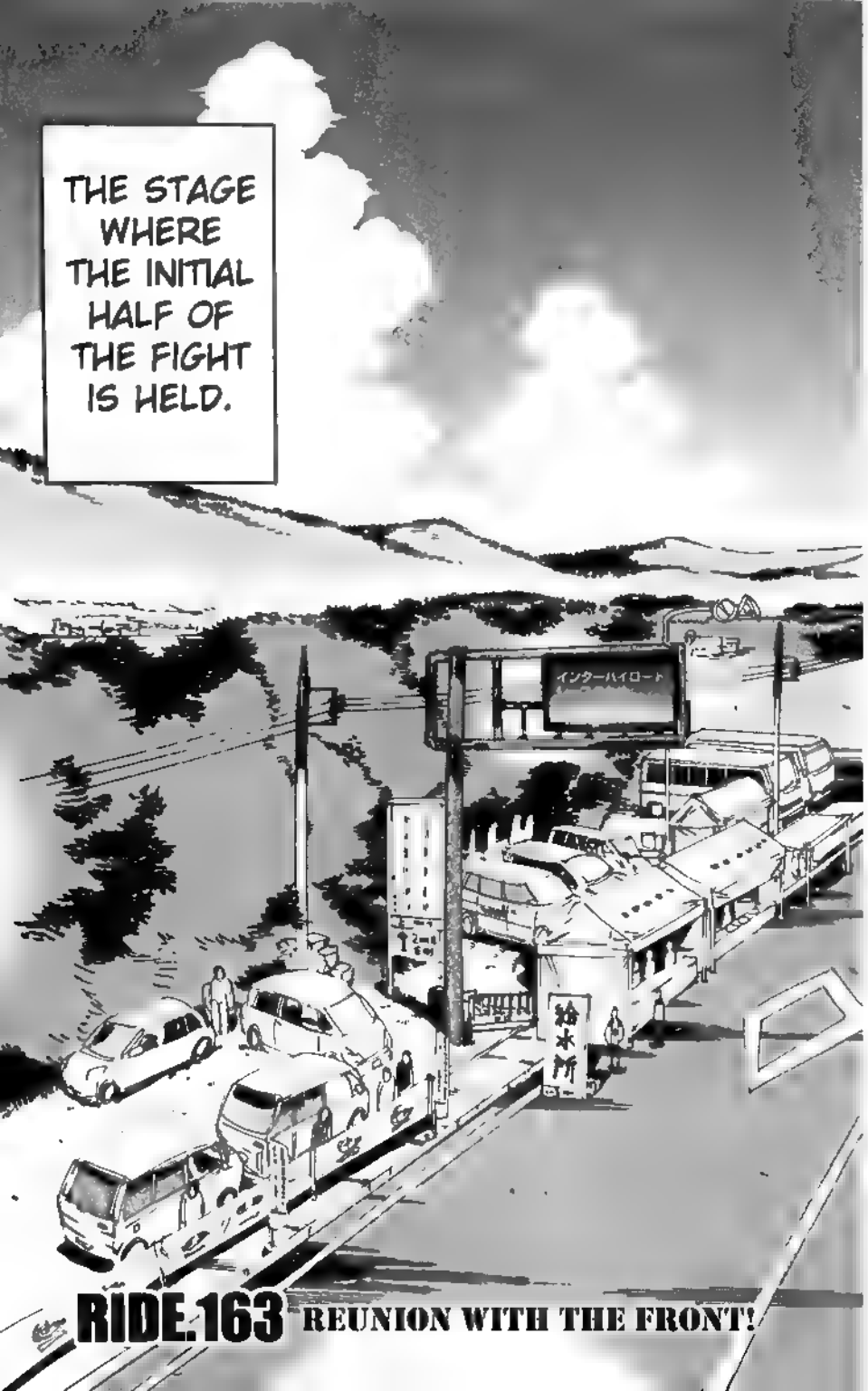
EACH OF THEM ARE DAMMED LAKES MADE BY THE LAVA THAT ERUPTED FROM MOUNT FUJI.
STARTING FROM THE EAST OF THIS SIDE IS LAKE MOTOSU, THEN LAKE SHOUJI, LAKE SAI LAKE KAWAGUCHI, AND LAKE YAMANAKA.


IT CONNECTS THE SCENIC FIVE LAKES THAT PROSPER IN THE SUMMER AS LOCATIONS FOR SUMMER RESORTS
CUTTING EAST TO WEST THROUGH THE AOKIGAHARA FOREST THAT HAD ONCE BEEN BLOCKED FROM PEOPLE ENTERING
LAKE YAMANAKA IS LOCATED THE FURTHEST EAST AND AT THE HIGHEST POINT
LAKE KAWAGUCHI PROPERS IN LEISURE ACTIVITIES



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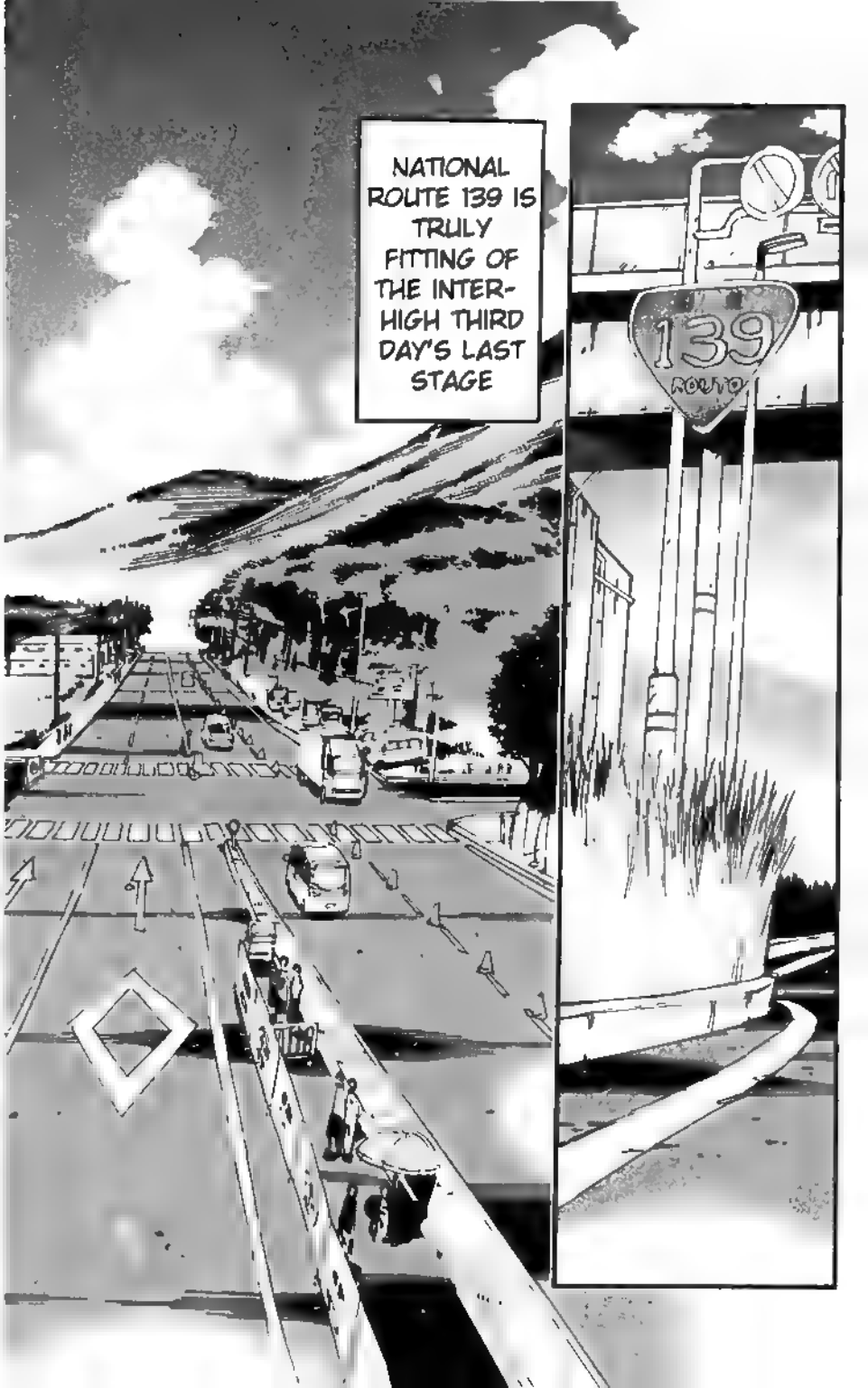

DOES HE HAVE AN ENGINE ON HIS BOTTOM BRACKETS OR SOMETHING?!!
I'M GOING AS HARD AS I CAN AND I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM!!
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HE'S FAST!!
HAKONE ACADEMY'S ACE SPRINTER, SHINKAI-SAN!!

IT'S TAKING EVERY-THING OUT OF ME JUST TO REACH HIM ONCE IN AWHILE
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DAMN IT!!
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IS THIS WHAT THE LAST DAY OF IN-HIGH IS LIKE EVERY YEAR?!
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IMPRES-SIVE, IMA-ZUMI-KUN
!?
HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
YOU DID WELL ENDURING THAT AND KEEPING UP
IT'S ONLY THE FIRST HALF AND IT'S SUPER HARD!!

CHUO
HAKOGAKU
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SOHOKU
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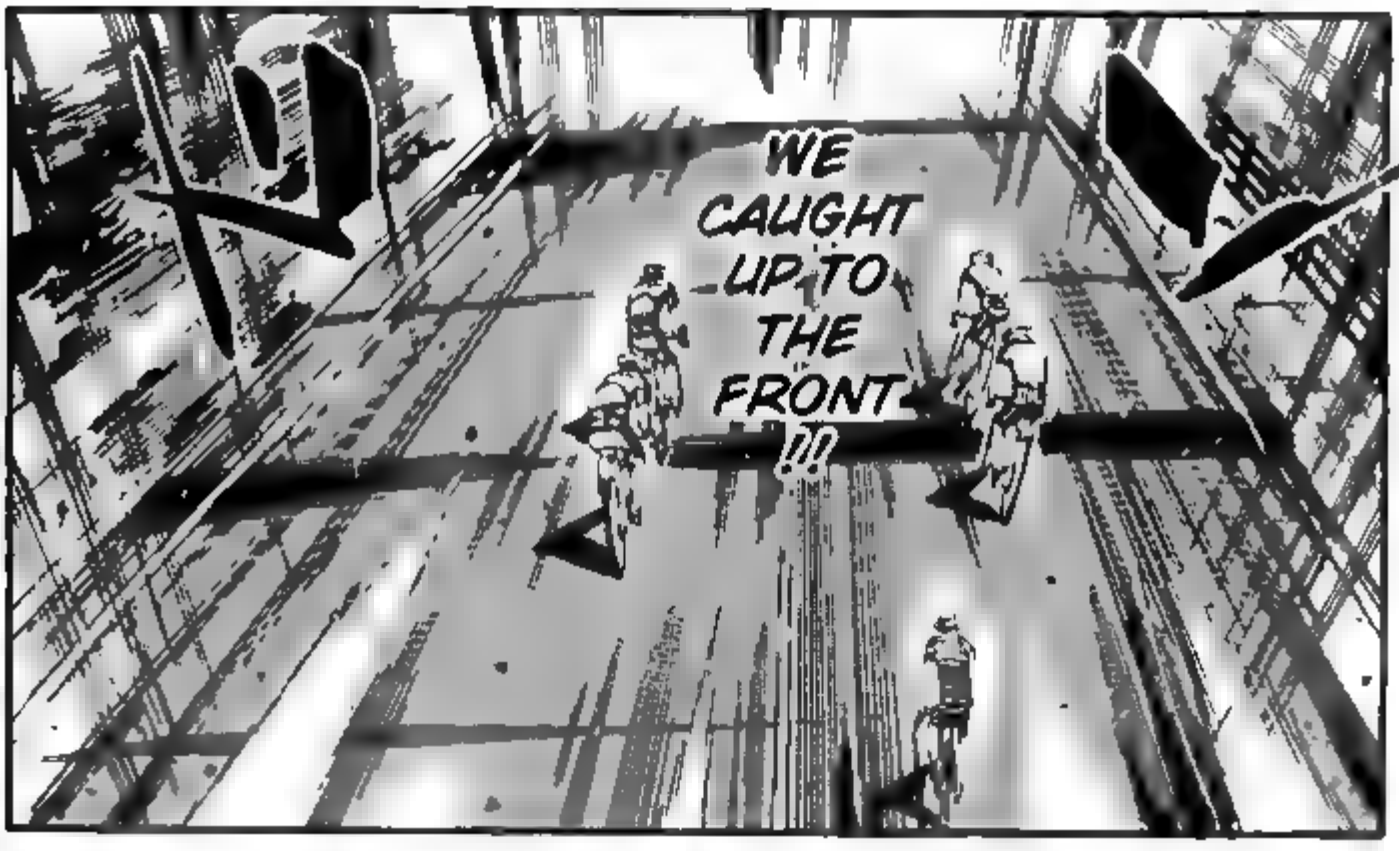
IT'S OUR ACES !!


WE CAUGHT UP TO THE FRONT !!!

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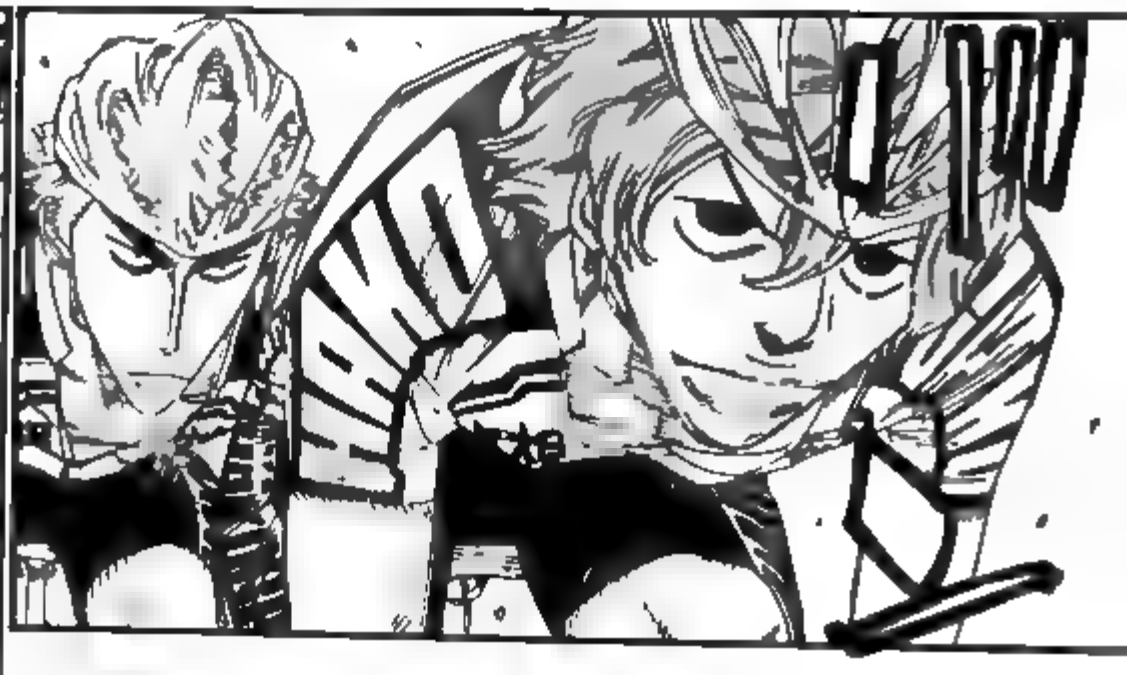

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NOW WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE REST TO CATCH UP
I DIDN'T LET SHINKAI -SAN GET AWAY!!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR CHATTING.
...NO.
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HARD WORK !!
JUST AS YOU OR-DERED
GOOD JOB YOU DID WEL. KEEPING UP WITH HIM.
I... I'VE CAUGHT UP... EVEN THOUGH IT WAS
REA-LLY
YOU'RE BREATHING RATHER HARD, IMAIZUMI-KUN. HAVE YOU REACHED YOUR LIMIT?
THIS IS THE FRONT
!?
HEY, WAIT
EH ?!
THE CLOSEST TO THE GOAL
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

INTER-HIGH STARTS IN ORDER OF WHO FINISHES FIRST
THEY'RE MOVING!!!
THAT MEANS THOSE WITH ABILITY ARE ALREADY GATHERED AT THE FRONT!!
ON THE THIRD DAY WHERE THERE IS NO RACE TOMORROW...
WAITING FOR THE TEAM IS ONE OPTION...
BUT THOSE ALREADY IN THE FRONT CAN GET AWAY
AND KEEP ON GOING
YOU'RE ON THE BAT-TLE-FIELD!!

DAMN IT!! I'LL CONTROL IT WHILE I'M RIDING!!
MY BREATHING
IS HAKOGAKU FULL OF MONSTERS?!
SO YOU ARE THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET, FUKUTOMI!!!
THEY'RE PLANNING TO RIDE AT THE TOP ALL THE WAY TO THE GOAL!!
WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM, KINJOU-SAN!
KINJOU-SAN, HAKOGAKU IS ON THE MOVE!!
NATURALLY!!

TO MAKE THE GOAL THEMSELVES!!

WATCH ME, ONODA, NARUKO
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I WON'T LET YOU !!
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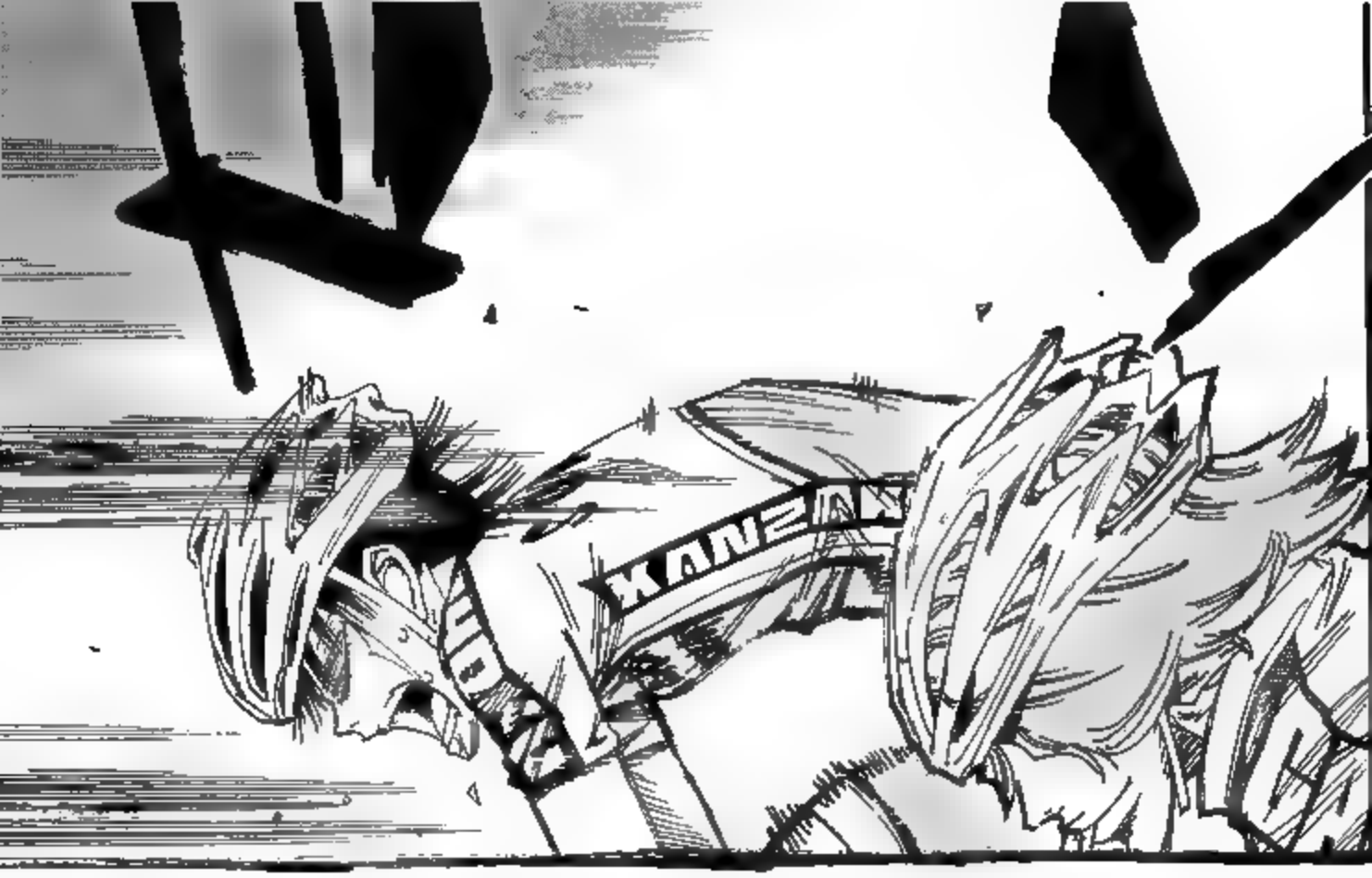
ROOO OAAA AHHH
IT'S TWO AGAINST TWO! I WON'T COMPLAIN! IF YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU HOW I FIGHT
I WON'T LET YOU GET AHEAD !!
THEN I'LL SHOW YOU !!!



I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO RIDE AT THE TOP THAT EASILY.

OF COUR-SE.

YOU HELD US BACK.

NOT BAD, IMAI-ZUMI-KUN.

ON THE THIRD DAY?!

OY OY, I CAN'T EVEN REST FOR ONE SECOND

HOW LONG WILL THAT LAST?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
DAMN IT
THEY CAN STILL KEEP GOING?!
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THEIR SECOND SPURT !!
SOHOU

I GET IT... I CAN'T REST... I GET IT NOW...
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NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND !!
I SAID I WON'T LET YOU
GET AWAY ...
YOU'RE PERSIS-TENT
PERSISTENT TO THE POINT OF ADMIRATION
WELL, IT SEEMS
THAT THOSE ARE OUR TEAM COLORS
JUST SO YOU KNOW

WE'RE EVEN MORE PER-SIS-TENT
WHEN ALL SIX OF US ARE TOGETHER

YOU DO COME TOGETHER
THAT'S ONLY IF

NO... I JUST FELT SOMETHING THAT GOT MY INTEREST...
IS THERE SOME-THING BEHIND US?
W-WHAT'S WRONG, MANAMI-KUN?

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AGAWA

HAAAAHHH
NO... NOT THE WEATHER ...

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IT MIGHT GET STORMY FROM HERE...
EH... NO WAY! AH, TH-THE WEATH-ER?!